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Over defense cuts

Veizman resigns

AIVIT. May 25 (R) — Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman turned in his resignation to Prime Minister Menahem Begin Sunday. He said he had read out a short resignation at the start of the weekly Cabinet meeting and then left the building for his home in Tel Aviv where he will wind up his until his resignation takes effect in 48 hours.

Weizman, who has been at odds with the government for months, handed in his resignation following a treasury demand for cuts in the defense budget to slow a galloping inflation rate of 120 percent.

"My way is not your way," Weizman reportedly told the cabinet. This was believed to be the sixth resignation threat by Weizman that this time he actually carried it out.



Ezer Weizman

Weizman spent about three years in the ministry, which he took over after leaving Begin's Likud party to power in 1977 after 29 years of uninterrupted party rule. The rest of the cabinet continued its meeting after Weizman left and cabinet sources say he already began between the contenders for the defense ministry. Weizman decided to finally leave the government after the cabinet's economic committee, of which he is not a member, decided that all government projects for contracts had not been signed would be off for several months.

Weizman said the committee did not have

Love Canal homeowners trapped

AGAWA FALLS, New York, May 25 (UPI) — A fenced-in compound of led-up houses cuts a swath through Love Canal. These are the homes of the who escaped. Outside the grim steel live the people who say they are trapped in Love Canal.

This week, despite a government evacuation order for this suburban community built a filled-in toxic chemical dump, many said they were still trapped. According to government regulations, homeowners moved to hotels and motels will have to their bills now and be reimbursed later. Many say they can't afford to do so.

"They expect us to foot the hotel bills. If we have afforded to do that, we would been out of here long ago," said Laurie Ak, 23, who lives in a neat beige house on Street.

Laurie and her husband, Michael, moved five years ago, delighted with their e-bedroom house just down the block. Laurie's family on a street with many young couples. But since then, Laurie had four miscarriages and her one son, in 5, was born with a muscle defect in his that gives his lips a slight downward dip.

Two years ago, the state found an unusually incidence of cancer and other disorders this community and declared a health

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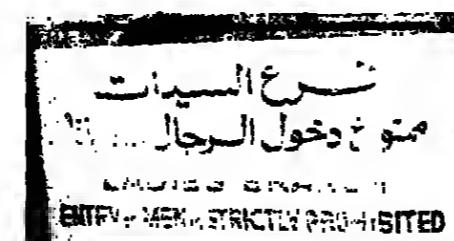
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Coffee, tea also served Women's banking booms

By Kathy Land

JEDDAH May 25 — Four months after its beginning, women's banking in the Kingdom is growing daily in popularity. Since the first women's bank, Al-Rajhi in Riyadh, opened its door on Jan. 26 the number of female only branches has mushroomed in all major cities.

Saudi banks aren't the only ones to see the need for women's branches. Those with foreign participation have also welcomed the chance to cater to the female population. Saudi British Bank opened a women's branch



at Jeddah's Caravan Shopping Center just over a month ago and Saudi French bank is expected to open a women's branch soon. The supervisor of the Saudi British Women's Bank, Lena Cobb, said the company is pleased with the reception their new branch has received. Women who have used the branch have reportedly been delighted with the relaxed atmosphere of the bank.

"Women generally have been much happier to do business here than in the general branch," Cobb said. "They feel more relaxed and regard the atmosphere as more friendly."

Cobb has 16 years banking experience in England, working for the National Westminster. She said the aim of Saudi British Bank had been to create a sitting room atmosphere where women can feel comfortable — almost at home — while doing business. The bank has achieved its aim with attractive use of green carpet, scattered hand-knotted rugs, soft lighting and potted plants. All customers are offered tea or coffee when they enter and can relax in arm chair comfort while their business is being transacted.

The services offered cover the full spectrum of banking, from withdrawing money to opening an account in Geneva or making a fixed term deposit. Women with joint checking accounts can transact business through the women's branch instead of going into the general office, or they may transfer money overseas by telex or cable. They may also talk over investment opportunities if they wish.

With her extensive experience in banking, Cobb is helping train the predominantly Saudi national staff while the branch gets on

its feet. Of the five women on the staff, four are Saudis. The fifth member is Egyptian Hoda Tamman, who has two years previous banking experience working for Citibank in Riyadh. Two staff members, Najwa Rashid and Najat Fadalla, are graduates of King Abdul Aziz University who worked previously at Whittaker Military Hospital. Najwa has a degree in public administration and Najat a degree in English literature. For Rima Istanbuli the job her first since graduating from Jordan University with a degree in business administration. Wadia Baeschen is also a graduate in business administration. She has a diploma from Beirut University College. All staff members agree the women-only bank has been a great boon for women.

"If they had to go to an ordinary bank they would feel very shy at having to talk to the male staff members," a bank employee said. "Here they can feel perfectly at ease without the need to hurry through their banking and rush away."

An added bonus for the staff is Jeddah's new SAFTCO bus system, with its women-only section in the front of each bus. These buses now stop right in front of the Caravan Shopping Center. This solves many of the transport problems involved in getting to and from work and makes it easier for the bank's female customers to do business. Banking hours are from 8:30 until noon, and from 5-7 p.m.

The idea of women's banks resulted from the demands of the women themselves and official moves to allow women to enjoy financial independence meeting the needs of Saudi Arabia's traditional separation of the sexes. The idea of separate banks has been in practice in Gulf states for some time, so the move to follow suit in the Kingdom was widely welcomed. Mrs. Cobb said the staff at the Saudi British women's branch had been busy during their first month taking care of customers' needs while gathering on-the-spot training and experience for later months when service demand grows.

"During quiet periods each staff member runs through various banking activities and each member is competent in all areas," Cobb said. "To date everything has run very smoothly and we're very optimistic about the future. As time goes on and more women earn about these banks we are expecting business to pick up substantially."

She said that the bank's customers represent a variety of nationalities; Malaysians, Pakistanis, Belgians, Egyptians, and Italians, as well as Saudis who have expressed a universal approval of its existence. Some expatriate women in particular have said they're delighted with the idea of a women-only bank.



UPSET RESIDENT: Art Tracy, left, 65 year-old and a resident of the Love Canal area for 35 years, speaks to James Marshall, right, chief of staff of the Environmental Protection Agency's regional office, during a community meeting recently in Niagara Falls, N.Y. The residents were told about details of the evacuation plan.

U.S. attempted to kill hostages to justify attack, Bani-Sadr says

KUWAIT, May 25 (AFP) — Iranian President Abolhassan Bani Sadr accused the United States of "introducing three commandos into Iran with the aim of killing the American hostages" as a pretext for "an American military intervention."

He made the charge in an exclusive interview with the Kuwaiti daily paper *Al-Anbar* reported Sunday. He said that he received information about the plot Saturday. The Iranian leader called on European states to pressure the U.S. into refraining from interfering in Iran's internal affairs. "It is not in our interest to be in conflict with the Americans, nor in giving them a pretext to invade

52 days with snakes

JOHANNESBURG, May 25 (R) — Black South African Johann Motheman claimed a world record by living for 52 days with 35 poisonous snakes — and has said he will carry on for a further eight days.

Motheman, an 34-year-old reptile keeper who engaged in a bizarre duel with white South African Austin Stevens for the world's snake-sitting record, last night passed the 51 days and five hours set a week earlier by Stevens. Stevens, 29, left his cage at the Harroper Animal and Snake Park west of Pretoria after breaking a 50-day record established last year by Peter Snyman.

us." *Al-Anbar* quoted him as saying. About the sanctions decided by the European Economic Community (EEC) against Iran, Bani Sadr said that "if such measures were really implemented, Iran would cut off oil to Europe." He added: From now on Iranian oil will only be supplied to countries disposed to practice normal economic exchanges with us."

Recalling also that he was against the taking of hostages, Bani Sadr however said that he believed that the occupation of the American embassy in Tehran by Islamic students was a "positive act" although in no way planned. The Iranian president repeated that "the fate of the American hostages will be decided by the Iranian National Assembly."

Ali Nasser leaves Aden for Damascus

ADEN, May 25 (R) — South Yemen's President Ali Nasser Muhammad left Sunday at the head of a high-level delegation on official visits to Syria and the Soviet Union.

It is his first trip abroad since taking over the presidency from Abdul Fattah Ismail, who resigned last month for health reasons.

The official announcement said the president would spend three days in Syria, but did not specify the duration of his Moscow visit.

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Loan not part of German meeting

By a Staff Writer



NO LOAN: German Ambassador in Saudi Arabia Alfred Vostring said the German Finance Minister Hans Matthoefer did not ask the Saudi Arabian government for a loan during this week's visit.

Fires destroy 2 million acres of lush forest

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, May 25 (AP) — Fires that burned almost two million acres (800,000 hectares) of lush forest into wasteland in Canada this week showed signs of abating Saturday as favorable winds and cooler temperatures moved into the areas.

Canadian military units joined the fight against forest fires in Alberta while residents in Snow Lake, Manitoba, were allowed to return to their homes with a warning to keep emergency equipment ready in case the situation worsens again.

In the rest of Manitoba and in Northern Ontario, fires continued burning, but a spokesman for the Ontario Natural Resources Ministry said most of the fires are under control.

About 500 fires burned from British Columbia to Quebec this week, with Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario especially hard hit. In Alberta alone, officials estimated 1.3 million acres (\$25,000 hectares) have been destroyed.

Despite high winds in Saskatchewan Friday, the fires did not move as quickly as officials had feared. Sixty-four fires were burning with six new ones reported and one put out. In Manitoba, 800 firefighters battling the province's worst forest fires in memory were helped by favorable winds and cool weather.

Manitoba Premier Sterling Lyon, who toured the ravaged area by airplane, told reporters the danger was less severe than it had been earlier in the week. Some thunderstorms and showers were predicted for the weekend.

"Everything is so tinder dry," said Trig Paulson, park warden at riding mountain National Park in Manitoba. "There is nothing you can put in front of it. It just flies over top of you."

The worst fire in 20 years engulfed more than 40 square miles (103 sq. km.) of the park and continued to burn out of control. More than 1,300 Snow Lake residents returned to their homes Saturday but were told a wind change could put the community in jeopardy again.

In Ontario, residents in townships east of Kenora prepared to flee their homes Saturday as fire threatened to destroy more forests in Northwestern Ontario.

More than 4,000 evacuees from fires in Northwestern Ontario including 100 American missionaries — have settled in temporary quarters in Winnipeg, Brandon, Gimli and Rivers. In Red Lake, crews were working to save the homes of 3,500 residents airlifted to Winnipeg Friday. The evacuees include 100 members of the Mennonite Northern Light Mission of Red Lake, many of whom are from Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio and Oregon.

Fire threatened to sweep over Fort Hope, an Indian community 220 miles north of Thunder Bay. Natural resources officials said the countryside near Fort Hope is so dry they cannot save the town without help from the weather.

The military administration later said it would compensate the owner, who was shown to have saved the lives of dozens of Jews in 1928 during the pogrom which ended the Jewish community in Hebron. It later went back on the decision.

Senegal minister leaves for home

JEDDAH, May 25 (SPA) — The Senegalese foreign minister, Mustapha Lyndas, left for home Sunday concluding a three-day visit during which he held talks with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal.

He was seen off by Salem Sunbul, foreign ministry chief of protocol, representative of the royal protocol and the Senegalese ambassador here. Chams Eddine Ndeye, Lyndas arrived in Jeddah Thursday at the invitation of Prince Saud. The special adviser to President Leopold Senghor, Mustapha Sissé, accompanied him.

Lyndas said his talks with the Prince covered Saudi-Senegalese relations.

Both the foreign minister and the presidential adviser performed minor pilgrimage (Umrah) during their stay in the Kingdom.

Hebron businessman wants Israelis to pay for wrecked buildings

TEL AVIV, May 25 (AFP) — A West Bank businessman has claimed five million Israeli pounds (\$11,000) damages for the destruction by the Israeli army of buildings housing 16 shops and boutiques.

The army destroyed the buildings after an attack in Hebron on May 2 that claimed the lives of six Jewish settlers. The Israelis claimed shooting came from the roof of the building.

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Investors approve methanol project

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, May 25 — The Board of the Public Investment Fund has approved loans totalling SR1 billion to finance the projected methanol plant to be built as a joint venture between the Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) and a Japanese consortium and the SABIC-Chinese fertilizer plant.

This will bring the total amount of loans

committed by the fund to SR33 billion of which SR18 billion was extended to Saudia, Petromin, and SABIC. The balance represented government shares in the equity of national and international companies.

The fund was established nine years ago to meet the credit requirements of public corporations engaged in commercial or industrial activities especially Saudia, Petromin and SABIC.

Budget approval due

Conference for blind slated

RIYADH, May 25 (SPA) — The Executive Committee of the Middle East Committee of the Blind will meet here Sunday to prepare for the forth-coming fifth general conference for member states. The place, date and agenda of the conference will be specified.

During the five-day session, the executive committee also will discuss preparations for the international day for the handicapped to be organized by the United Nations in 1981.

The meeting will consider calling for a working meeting of officials of the blind and handicapped in the Middle East to draw a common program in participating in the international year.

Ajlan Ali Al-Ajlan, director of the regional bureau of the Middle East Committee of the Blind said Sunday that the executive committee will discuss and approve next year's budget.

The budget comprises budgets of the regional bureau, the Light Institute of Bahrain and the Regional Center for Rehabilitation of the Blind in Jordan.

The committee will study the plannings and designs of the regional office's building, and building of Light Institute of Bahrain.

Last year, special education schools expanded to 22 institutions in Saudi Arabia. There are schools for blind boys in Riyadh, Mecca, Medina, Abha, Hofuf, Buraidah, Usozah and Qatif. Blind girls have schools in Riyadh and Hofuf. Schools for the blind are called "Light Schools".

There are ten "Hope Schools" for the deaf. Eight are primary schools, four for each sex. There are two intermediate schools for each in Jeddah, Riyadh, Medina and Hesa.

There are three schools for mentally retarded boys and three for girls. For adminis-

tration to Light Schools applicants should either be completely blind or have 1/6 vision with glasses. They should be between 4 and 16 years old and medically fit.

For Hope Schools children should be completely or partially deaf, with an IQ of at least 70, and between 4 and 14 years of age. For the Mental Development Schools children should have IQ ratings of between 50 and 75, be emotionally stable and physically fit, with no other physical defects. They should be between 4 and 14.

In other developments a SR40 million project to house skilled students is being carried out here by the area's vocational training institute, it was learnt Sunday.

The project will be completed within a deadline of 22 months and it comprises three residential buildings, mosque, restaurant, electric power plant, maintenance garage, children playgrounds, a swimming pool and several parking lots, according to a spokesman for the institute.

Another three cooling and air-conditioning workshops, a diesel section, a plumbing section and other installations including a conference hall, radio and television workshops, building for the technical administration, and several parking lots are also under construction, the spokesman said.

He also indicated that on July 12, 120 students will graduate from night courses in various specializations. Later, on July 27 180 new students will be accepted for night courses which will begin immediately after the Id-ul-Fitr holiday.

Meanwhile, it was learnt from Dammam Sunday that the General Directorate of Education for the Eastern Province has agreed to open a new class at the Mental Development Institute in Dammam at the coming academic year.

Ank distributes 650 land plots

ANK, May 25 (SPA) — Ank municipality has distributed 650 land plots to limited income residents in the area who included employees, students, widows and divorced women.

A spokesman for the municipality said that land is being distributed according to priorities and that the rest of limited income residents will get their land plots during the second turn which is expected shortly.

It is government policy to diversify its domestic equity holdings in favor of broad public ownership once they become profitable. The methanol plant project signed with a consortium of C. Itoh, which will act as coordinator, Mitsubishi Gas Chemical, Sumitomo Chemical Company Mitsubishi Toatsu Chemicals and Kyowa Gas Company, will produce 600,000 tons a year and will cost nearly SR1 billion. It is expected to come on stream early in 1983 after three years of construction.

Most of the methanol will go for export and the Japanese companies have committed themselves to marketing 80 per cent of the output in Japan and the Far East. It was reported last year that 300,000 tons will be used in Japan, the rest in the Third World.

Under SABIC's financing plans, the fund is to put up 60 per cent of the cost and commercial banks ten per cent. SABIC and the consortium will share the remaining 30 per cent of the equity.

The agreement for the fertilizer project was signed last year in Taipei to build a 600,000 ton a year urea plant in Jubail. The Taiwan Fertilizer Company will share half the \$400 million cost. Construction will take three years and production will start late in 1982.

SABIC and the company will jointly market 40 per cent of the output, with the Chinese firm having agreed to take the rest for selling on the domestic market and in the Far East. Most of the output will go for export from Saudi Arabia, to be used as fertilizer and as a component in chemical industries.

The plant is the first joint venture between the two governments, as the company is a government-sponsored firm. Although mainly privately-owned, the Chinese government supervises and supports its operations.

Cadets to hold show

RIYADH, May 25 (SPA) — Deputy Governor of Riyadh Prince Sattam is to attend the annual maneuvers of the King Abdul Aziz War Academy to be held outside the capital Monday.

The academy has made transport arrangement for invitees and others interested in seeing the military maneuvers. It has secured buses which will start operating from six o'clock Monday morning.

Plastic arts exhibition opens

DAMMAM, May 25 (SPA) — The fifth exhibition of plastic arts by university students was opened by King Faisal University's Vice-Chancellor Dr. Muhammad Said Al-Qahtani here Saturday.



Frank Lin

EXCHANGE OF SERVICES: The President of China News Agency Frank Lin is visiting the Kingdom for talks with Information Ministry officials, and was guest of honor at a luncheon party given by the Chinese Ambassador Yu-chi Hsu at his residence Saturday. Lin told Arab News that he will sign an agreement with the ministry to exchange features stories at first and, later on, spot news.

Specifications released for examining milk, pins

RIYADH, May 25 (SPA) — The Saudi Standards Organization (SSO) released standards Sunday setting out specifications for pins, and bacteriological methods for examining concentrated and evaporated milk. The specification proposals were distributed to concerned parties for study. Those with additional input will send in their ideas within the next 60 days. At the end of the 60-day period, the specifications will be submitted to the Technical Committee of SSO.

The Saudi Standards Organization sets standard specifications for a wide variety of products sold or manufactured within the Kingdom. The organization includes a technical committee to hear industry input before preparing the final text of specifications for a product. Recently, SSO, under its chairman, Dr. Soliman A. Solaiman, minister of commerce, has set standards for portable butane, pressure pipes supported with artificial fibers, and marble and natural stones.

Prof. Shafie Indian chancellor visits UPM

DHAHRAN, May 25 (SPA) — Vice-Chancellor of India's Aligarh Muslim University Prof. Muhammad Shafie and an accompanying delegation paid courtesy calls on a number of university officials here Sunday.

Among those Prof. Shafie visited included Dr. Adnan Niazi, head of the Department of Geology, University of Petroleum and Minerals; Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Dakheel, dean of teachers and students affairs; Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Quwaier, pro-vice-chancellor in charge of academy affairs and Dr. Fahd Al-Dakheel, pro-vice-chancellor in charge of higher

studies and researches.

They exchanged views on academic matters and possible ways of benefiting Indian expertise in the field of research. Their discussion also covered the establishment of science laboratories at Aligarh University as well as cooperation in the area of teaching and research.

The AMU delegation Saturday, UPM's different departments and on Dr. Bakr Abdullah Bakr, the vice-chancellor.

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More than 51,000 power connections increase

M. May 25 (SPA) — More than 51,000 domestic power connections in Mecca and Taif during the past year brought the number of subscribers in cities to 250,000, it was announced today. Of the 20 per cent jump in subscriber number of connections pales beside electrical consumption, which is at 50 per cent a year, fastest in the meet the growing demand in the Mecca-Taif area, the government moves last year toward a unified transmission network. Since that time, connections have been added in Jeddah in Mecca, and 7,941 in Taif. Ali Al-Juffali, member of the Board of Directors, said the company had a large number of subscribers' meters with new high-capacity said this achievement in the field of generation and transmission has led to implement the state's plan to largest number of the Kingdom's available electrical power.

We to a unified power transmission between Jeddah, Mecca and Taif is to be completed by late 1981 or 2. When the project is finished, it will provide a single-voltage grid for Jeddah and Mecca districts as a step national grid for the entire King. National grid system was approved by Council of Ministers seven years ago, led up because of the large number private companies operating under voltages.

Eastern Province, Aramco is managing consolidation of nearly 40 small companies to the Saudi Consolidated Electric-

ity Company (SCECO). In the West, contracts were signed in 1979 to provide 110 volt power to Mecca, Taif, Yanbu and Jizan and all villages along the transmission routes. Finance was provided by the Saudi Industrial Development Fund. The contracts, totaling SR451 million, were awarded to four foreign companies to cover the cost of laying 380-volt and 110-volt transmission lines and building switching sub-stations.

Under the plans, the company's generating stations and power units at the desalination plants will provide 2,400 megawatts of power. A computer at a load dispatch center in Jeddah will monitor the transmission of power through two double-circuit transmission lines, one of which will be the largest in the Kingdom. The capacity of the first line is 2,400 megawatts. The planned capacity of the second line is 400 megawatts. At a substation near Mecca, the 380-volt current will be stepped down to 110 volts for Mecca use, while spur overhead cables are planned to carry power to Jizan, Yanbu and Taif. Some of this work has already been completed. Under the contract, signed in April of 1979, the 380-volt system is expected to be finished in 30 months and the 110-volt network in 22 months.

The electrical system on the Kingdom's western side was further expanded in Dec. 1979 when operations and maintenance contract for the Jizan rural power system was awarded to Bharat Heavy Electricals firm, which is owned by the Indian government. The project was planned to be commissioned in stages over a four-month period. It consists of a diesel power station with six generating units of seven megawatts each, as well as five substations. The total number of service connections to towns and villages within the system was estimated at 6,000 when the contract was signed five months ago.

The Jizan project was the work of Saudi Arabia's Minister of Industry and Electricity, Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi, who traveled to the Far East in 1979 to look for firms to carry out four rural electrification projects in the Kingdom. The four projects had been cancelled because of allegedly inflated bids. Al-Gosaibi negotiated with the Indian government's Bharat Heavy Electricals, and the Jizan project was let for bids again.

Saudi comment

By Ibrahim Al-Dosilej
Al-Medina

days ago, I called a doctor from a clinic in Mecca to examine my ailment. In his prescription we found "cine" which was to be injected. So, I went to the same clinic to bring "cine" to inject the medicine. My surprise was when the clinic told me in the patient, saying this was action of the Health Ministry.

I was amazed as to how a come to see the patient and the refuse to do so. However, I suppose it's anger's promise to the owner of the clinic, a mine. A few days passed and I matter.

Yesterday I was obliged to go to the clinic for an injection which the doctor prescribed. The man responsible to produce the prescription to it was given by a doctor. After he returned the paper with the saying it could not be administered the prescription was not given by the clinic's doctors. Surprised, I either it was the instruction of the ministry. He nodded.

the sincerity of his answer, I myself it is catastrophic if the ministry issued such instructions, for it has encouraged exploitation. Private and hospitals, I thought, have only need to provide health services side with state-run hospitals.

can be no doubt that work in the health is a human service and the of the clinic does not seem to be dear humanitarian. I am certain will affect my friendship with c's owner and his children. But it hurt me so long as it serves the interest. The Health Ministry is called upon to intensify its private clinics and hospitals to them from indulging in such behavior.

Ayer times

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5.45	5.30	5.11
12.24	12.24	11.56
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6.58	7.04	7.06
8.28	8.34	8.06

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rate summer weather will prevail in as, expect the southern region where to be warm. In the western and south-western will be cloudy to partly cloudy. might be scattered rains. will be northerly to north-easterly. They may become active during, causing sand haze inland. will be moderate. Day's temperatures (maximum, in centigrade)

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Mengistu proposes pooling Ethiopia-Sudan resources

KHARTOUM, May 25 (Agencies) — Ethiopian Head of State Mengistu Haile Mariam, who arrived in Khartoum Saturday, has proposed pooling the manpower and financial and natural resources of Ethiopia and Sudan as part of a general drive to strengthen bilateral ties.

In a speech to the Sudanese Socialist Union (SSU) broadcast on radio and television here Saturday night he said his country was ready to open a new and promising chapter in the "effort to urgently build the new Sudan and the new Ethiopia."

Lt. Col. Mengistu's official five-day visit is seen as expressly designed to patch up relations with Sudan after disputes between the two countries over the war in the northern Ethiopian province of Eritrea.

Mengistu said differences between them had arisen for a short time when Sudan "provided sanctuary to runaway individuals who... were sulking against the revolution." About 300,000 Eritrean refugees from the war live in Sudan.

Mengistu's visit coincides with the 11th anniversary of President Jaafar Numeiri's accession to power. He was officially welcomed by the president in a reciprocal speech also relayed on radio and television.

Mengistu said the two countries were both

subject to events beyond their borders and singled out what he called imperialism — taken to refer to the United States as a particular threat.

"Imperialists, colonialists, expansionists, racists and those that are intoxicated by arrogance and unsatisfied by their exploitation of their own people and their neighbors have turned their faces toward us. They have inflicted upon us repeated invasions, damage and humiliation," he said.

Referring to what he saw as an arms buildup in the Indian Ocean, the Red Sea and the Gulf, Mengistu told the Sudanese: "Imperialism is ceaselessly seeking bases to station its quick intervention forces trained to destabilize and subvert existing and future genuine national liberation movements."

Numeiri spoke of Mengistu as "a patriotic African struggle" and echoed his willingness for closer relations between the two countries.

"Sudan believes stability and security are indivisible. Sudan is thus open hearted and fully willing to cooperate and coordinate in the settlement of issues that impede the progress to peace among neighboring countries," Numeiri said.

Numeiri said his country would continue to support African liberation movements until



President Haile Mariam Mengistu

Africa was cleaned of foreign presence.

Mengistu, who heads a 20-man delegation including six members of his country's provisional military administrative council, will have an official round of talks with Sudanese leaders on Monday and sign a joint communiqué on the visit on Wednesday.

Delegations from Romania, Yugoslavia, Libya and Somalia are also attending the anniversary celebrations amid tight security precautions.

Fighting at its peak

Somali rebels step up war against Ethiopia

By Edward Cody

GOBIERNO OUTPOST, Rebel-Held Ogaden, May 25 (WP) — Ethnic Somali rebels in the Ogaden have significantly intensified their war, ambushing Ethiopian supply convoys and restricting government troops and their Cuban supporters to the region's major towns.

The increased fighting in recent months, combined with Ethiopian retaliation against villages offering shelter to the irregulars, has generated a gigantic stream of refugees into Somalia, filling 25 camps and straining the government's ability to keep them alive.

The spring offensive by the Western Somali Liberation (WSLF), which is supported by the Somali government in Mogadishu, also has led to a dozen Ethiopian bombing raids up to 20 miles inside Somalia and dozens more against pro-rebel villages within the 127,000 square mile region known as the Ogaden.

It has brought fighting to its highest level since the withdrawal of regular Somali troops in March 1978 after defeat by Ethiopians backed by Soviets and Cubans equipped with sophisticated Soviet arms. The debacle led to a quiescent period dur-

ing which the guerrillas regrouped and rearmed and the world largely forgot about their determination to secede from Ethiopia under Somali patronage.

Somalia says that this southern desert region rightfully should be part of Somalia because most of its inhabitants are ethnic Somalis. Somalia asserts that the Ogaden's inclusion within Ethiopia's internationally recognized borders is a colonialist legacy.

The Soviet Union and Cuba intervened massively in the conflict when it appeared that the rebels, backed by regular Somali forces would succeed in wresting the Ogaden away and possibly also topple Ethiopia's Marxist government, which was already preoccupied with a revolt by Eritrean freedom fighters.

The result added new complications to one of Africa's longest running problems. The Soviet Union lost its strategic base at the Somali port of Berbera on the Horn of Africa, and the United States has had to balance carefully a determination to stay out of the conflict with a desire to cement ties with Somalia and acquire a naval base there. Despite the Soviet and Cuban intervention, however, the Ethiopians never captured control of the countryside,

and the quiet period apparently ended. A two-day tour of rebel-held areas near the Ethiopian town of Jigjiga in the northern Ogaden showed total guerrilla control of a broad stretch of the scrub-bush countryside between the northern Somali border in the Hargeysa region and Jigjiga's outer, defense.

The rebels were dressed in ragged civilian clothes, sometimes traditional long skirts, or captured Ethiopian uniforms. But they were heavily armed with AK-47 assault rifles, the ubiquitous Soviet-made commando weapon, in addition to light Soviet-designed machine guns and RPG-2 and RPG-7 shoulder-fired, rocket-propelled grenade launchers.

Other independent observers who made a similar tour of the central Ogaden said they drove in Land Rovers for miles across the flat terrain without encountering any challenge to the guerrillas' freedom of movement on back roads and in the small farming villages that dot the countryside.

The eyewitness account showed Ethiopian forces able to defend only the population centers such as Jigjiga, Harar and Dire Dawa in the north, and Ginir and Imi in the center.

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152 Polisario fighters killed in town attack, Morocco says

RABAT, May 25 (AFP) — The Polisario Front, fighting for control of the Western Sahara, tried to seize a town in Morocco and lost 152 men killed, the Moroccan government said Saturday night.

The communiqué said that on three occasions — May 15 and 20 and then again Friday — Polisario had attacked the town of Abattek in territory that is unquestionably Moroccan, 90 miles east of Tarfaya. It added that 152 attackers had been killed as well as four Moroccan soldiers, and that each attack had been repelled by "a garrison with high morale."

The communiqué stated that Friday, the "mercenaries" had grouped all their units and tried to lay siege to Abattek, where violent fighting took place "since the enemy wanted at any price to make people forget about the cruel reverses it suffered during that most recent battles", especially in the Quarqiz.

The Polisario units suffered "very heavy" losses during the three attacks on Abattek, the statement said. The Moroccans killed 150 of the attackers in battle, while two prisoners died from their wounds, and a large amount of equipment was destroyed including 45 vehicles (one of them a "Stalin Organ") and a fuel truck.

The Moroccan army also captured a jeep, a 12.7 machine gun, a rocket launcher, and several individual arms. In addition to suffering four dead, the Moroccan forces had 17 men wounded, nine of them seriously.

Dacca probes bomb incident

DACCA, May 25 (AFP) — The Bangladeshi government has ordered an inquiry into the bombing incident at a public meeting which left seven persons dead and over 100 injured.

The meeting on Friday was organized by the right-wing Democratic League Party led by opposition leader, Khandaker Mushtaq Ahmed, who was president of Bangladesh for a short period in 1975. Ahmed, 60, escaped unhurt.

A government statement Saturday night said a vigorous inquiry had been started into "hooliganism" at the public meeting at the city's Baitul Mukarram Square two days ago and that the government strongly condemned such acts and was determined to bring the culprits to book.

The government also appealed to the people to give information regarding the incident to assist in the inquiry.

Syria vows fight to foil Camp David accord

denied."

The paper said that Syria was now in a battle against imperialism aimed at the Camp David (Egyptian-Israeli) and liquidating reactionaries."

In another development, the M-orientated Syrian Communist Party opened its fifth congress under the chair of Khaled Bakdash and attended representatives of all branches in the

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Volcano damage tops \$1.6b

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DO, Washington, May 25 (AP) — Estimates from the eruption of Mount St. Helens climbed above \$1.6 billion as more ash and steam spewed from the volcano. With 18 known dead, searchers had little hope that the 88 persons missing would be found alive.

"A porous ash plume" shot 150 meters into the crater's rim early Saturday. Tim R. Crandall, head of hazard evaluation at the Geological Survey said there was no immediate new explosion to be diminished, but scientists were convinced further volcanic activity was

while, total volcano-related losses to private land in Washington reached \$1 billion. Rhonda Brooks of the state Office of Emergency Services said

Robert Tokarczyk, superintendent of Gifford Pinchot National Forest, said Jimmy Carter's blast blew \$10 million worth of federal timber. Experts estimate an additional \$200 million to salmon and sports fishing.

finding any new survivors from the last dwindled. Army and Washington guard helicopters nevertheless from the Toledo Airport, 50 miles northwest of Mount St. Helens, day to continue searches of the damaged area around the mountain.

**Kennedy beats
sident in
mont ballot**

YORK, May 25 (AP) — U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy, continuing to chip away at President Jimmy Carter's strength in the quest for the Democratic nomination, scored an upset victory at the Vermont Democratic

reversed a landslide loss to Carter in the state's non-binding primary by outpolling the president 7-5 in on Vermont's 12 delegates to the nominating convention.

Republican side, presidential candidate Ronald Reagan scored a near victory in Vermont and maintained his shut-out of former U.N. Ambassador Bush in Virginia. Not only that, he picked up another eight delegates in — five that had been allocated to Carter. John Anderson and three were listed as uncommitted following the primary.

Protests mark anniversary

O, May 25 (AP) — About 4,000 labor unionists and sympathizers of its against the international airport rallied Sunday to mark the second anniversary of the facility's opening. Protests were reported immediately participants from 21 anti-airport and about 10,000 riot police on alert at park near the airport 40 miles of Tokyo, and along outlying highway said.

the day the number of protesters

to rise, an airport police spokesman said. Organizers previously estimated 10,000 people would attend.

among the opponents of the \$ 2.5-billion airport has been the Sanrizuka Anti-Airport Liaison League, a

of farmers and radical students.



HUNTING SURVIVORS: A Washington national guardman wades through ashes at the base of the Mount St. Helens volcano to check a camper truck for survivors. Both occupants of the vehicle were dead.

Washington experts stumped

Will ash damage apples?

YAKIMA, Washington, May 25 (LAT) — Harvey Olander, 48, geologist who has spent much of his life studying natural phenomena all over the world, knows a lot about volcanoes.

But he doesn't have the slightest idea — at least not yet — what an estimated 800 tons of volcanic ash will do to 40 acres of apple trees.

Ever since Mount St. Helens began erupting 85 miles west of here, filling skies and lungs and apple orchards with omnipresent volcanic dust, that question has been of paramount importance to Olander and his neighbors.

Olander gave up his career as a geological consultant last year and moved here to settle on a 40-acre apple orchard with his wife, Susan, and their six children.

"I've lived through about every possible natural disaster you can imagine," he said, knocking on wooden table.

"I've been through earthquakes in Colombia when I was working for a company there, typhoons in the South Pacific that sank ships when I was in the navy, and floods like you wouldn't believe in Malaysia — even tornadoes that tore the roof off."

"But I've never seen anything like this."

He paused, and shook a Golden Delicious tree laden with gray and white grimy dust.

"I was out working on an irrigation ditch when it started Sunday morning," he said.

"The sky got so dark I thought it was a ball storm coming. Then I thought it was a locust invasion. Then it got deathly still and all you could see through the dark, was an eerie purplish-pink glow from sheet lighting."

"It wasn't until I smelled sulfur that I knew the mountain had blown."

Farmers and agricultural officials are not predicting heavy damages to crops here.

They aren't exactly predicting anything

yet. They just don't know what effect the estimated 15-to-20 tons of ash per acre will have on the state's famous apple crops.

The Yakima Herald-Republic set out to publish an article advising farmers how to cope with the unprecedented problem. What came out of that effort, however, was a story that listed contradictory advice from agriculture experts.

Some urged farmers to wash down their trees, others speculated that water would react with the chemicals and the soot and damage the fruit. Some advised blowing the ash off with wind machines, others called such methods an exercise in futility because the air here is still swirling with ash.

The closest thing to a consensus is that the ash probably is not damaging to the soil (and might even help it), probably is not acidic enough to injure the young apple buds, and probably is not heavy enough to break the trees.

"Tomorrow we're just going to be out there shaking down the young trees — not much you can do about the 60-year-old mature ones," Olander said. "You'd have to be clairvoyant to know this will really do to the crops."

The most likely effect the ash will have on the state's apple crop will be to leave it in a russet stage — with stains and scales on the skin — but not affecting the taste, experts agreed.

Olander's neighbor, Bob Nagel, whose parents settled here 60 years ago, speculated that the ash could result in smaller-than-normal apples.

"The problem is that size and color are what determine quality," Olander said. "We might not have extra fancy apples this year. You just can't market apples that don't color well, you have to sell most of them for juice."

Execs cheating nation, Doe says

MONROVIA, May 25 (AP) — Master Sgt. Samuel K. Doe, head of the new military government, Saturday accused businessmen abroad who dealt with the ousted government of President William R. Tolbert of threatening the Liberian economy.

Doe lashed out at bankers, ship owners and other international firms who had business dealings with the Tolbert administration. But he did not name them or their countries.

In an address to the nation, he said they were using the April 12 coup that overthrew Tolbert's government as an excuse to create problems in Liberia's international transactions. He did not elaborate.

He warned investors not to cheat the Liberian government, but did not specify what measures his ruling People's Redemption Council would take.

Western relief insufficient

Starvation reaps tragic harvest in Uganda

ONG, Uganda, May 25 (AP) — After a week, Sister Rosetta walks in around the mission school and collects meat on bodies.

Help lift the bodies from furrows pits, wrap dead children in white cloth and bury them at the mission with pines, two or three in each unmarked unmarked. Decayed bodies are buried with and burned in the fields.

cemetery is becoming full," said the old Italian nun, surveying more than graves. "More people have died here in two months than in the previous two months. A student told me he can't walk 50 miles without coming upon a dead body. If we had transport and medicines, we could treat these people. We didn't have to die."

Fields of Karamoja, a vast, undeveloped area in northeastern Uganda, have died little but death this year. Arid desert of times, they have been scorched rainless years.

seeks the nomadic population of Karamoja cattle-herders. Armed destroy entire villages, killing hundreds any cattle that have survived the

grips parts of Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya and Uganda for the second seven years, turning millions into and killing tens of thousands. In terms, Karamoja's problems are among the most severe. returned six weeks ago to Kanung, a settlement of 1,000 near the Kenyan It was too late and too heavy. Planted same swamps and relief trucks found rutted, muddy trails.

Since the Karamoja culture allows burial only for clan chiefs and their wives, many dead lie where they fall. Parents strip the clothes from dead children and leave the bodies near the mission.

Solomon Loiki, once a cattleman, has become a part-time grave-digger. He stays near the mission, helps with burials and odd jobs, and lives on handouts of food and money.

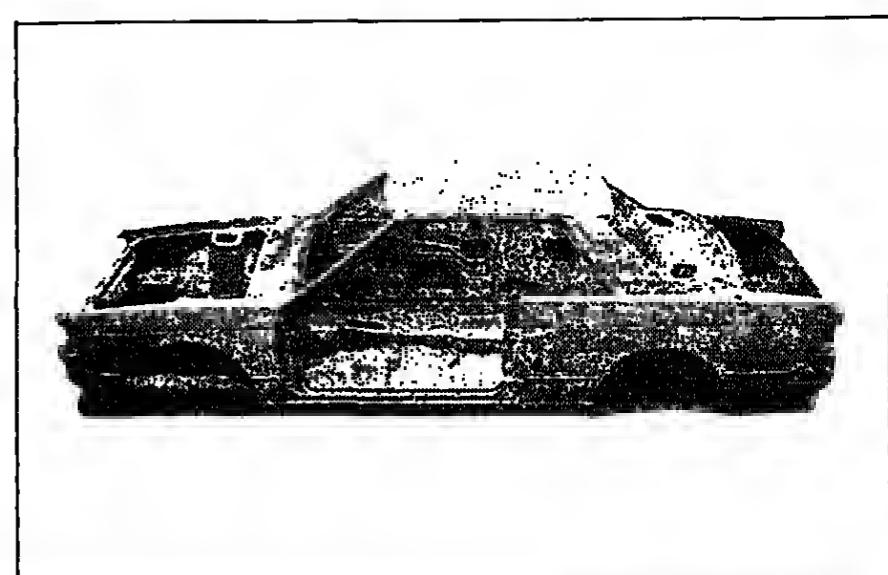
"My father died last week from diarrhea and hunger," Loiki said. "The meat was finished and there was no more food. My wife and sister died of cholera in January."

"The robbers came to our village in March and again in April. They killed everyone and

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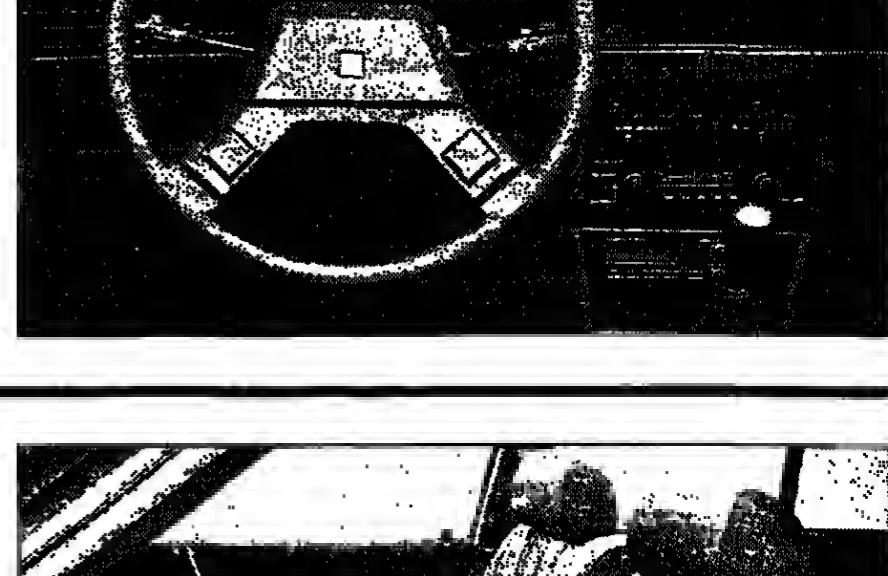
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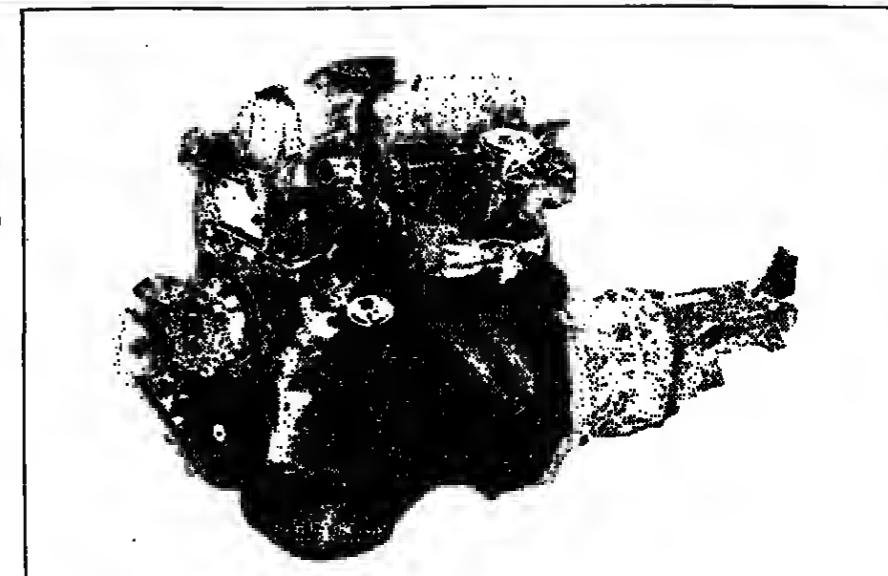
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WEIZMAN NO DIFFERENT

Some observers of the Israeli political scene, especially the American ones see in the present disaffection of Ezer Weizman, Israel's defense minister, a hopeful portent of change in Israeli politics. Weizman, who is still a member of Herut, Prime Minister Begin's party, is seen as an altogether different man from Begin: a man of a far more open disposition who has had more than enough of Begin's obscuritanism and intransigence. A peaceful settlement will run far more smoothly, so the conventional wisdom goes, once Weizman succeeds in his bid for power.

This view is wrong. On the issue which matters most for the Middle East and the international community as a whole, that of a settlement for the Palestinian problem, the differences between Begin and Weizman are more matters of form than substance. Weizman is no less opposed than Begin to any solution which might lead to a Palestinian state. He is equally resolute against any dealings with Palestine Liberation Organization. Like Begin, his view of the right of Jews to settle anywhere in what they call "the land of Israel", i.e., the whole of Palestine, is unshakable. What divides the two is, essentially, Weizman's smoother, less hysterical approach.

The reason for the defense minister's disaffection has therefore to be looked for in another quarter; and this is the internal politics of the Herut party and the Israeli right in general. Weizman, enjoying a huge popularity as a war hero when he left the armed forces, joined Herut relatively late. His admirers thought him a natural successor for Begin, a view he shared. And this made him an object of hostility for the party establishment who resented him as an outsider. This has caused Begin to make up with Shamir, a former dissident from Herut, and to groom him for succession.

Weizman realizes now that his only chance is to lead a split from Likud, the ruling coalition led by the Herut party, at the head of the Liberal group. But such a division within the Israeli right wing would most certainly weaken its electoral chances further and the winner will be neither Weizman nor Begin (or Shamir), but the Labor coalition.

U.S. policy toward China

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Jonathan Mirsky, an *Observer* writer on China, spent two weeks in the United States talking to officials about the development of American policy toward the People's Republic.)

By Jonathan Mirsky

WASHINGTON —

"I look forward to an increasingly close relationship between the American military and the Chinese military... We have parallel interests in various parts of the world. We intend to take parallel action."

When U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown laid down this policy in China last January, he was playing another card in the high-stakes game between Washington, Moscow and Peking. It may yet transpire that the winning hand is held by Vice-Premier Deng Xiaoping.

After three decades of non-recognition and occasional rumors of war, the American-Chinese relationship is utterly changed.

"China is no longer an adversary," an official at the apex of Washington policy-making said recently. "We now have consultative relations on matters of common interest and we even agree to differ."

Like most policy-makers he denies that Washington would do anything so vulgar as to play China against the newly threatening Russians. But he adds: "Since Afghanistan it's been obvious that the Russians see this as a period of strength. This definitely affects the U.S. perception of relations with China. We'll probably evolve towards some sort of security relationship."

Sometimes this is put more robustly. Not long ago President Jimmy Carter's National Security Adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, told one of the CIA's most senior officials: "If we cozy up to Peking we can infuriate the Russians in a way nothing else can. Anything that makes them angry is good policy."

Operationally this means the United States "is now prepared to export to the People's Republic of China certain items...on the U.S. munitions list." These words, in a current State Department munitions control newsletter, refer to a catalogue including helicopters, pilot-training equipment and radar systems.

It is routine in and around the White House to term such equipment "dual-use", implying civilian as well as military deployment, but when ex-Secretary of State Dean Rusk was shown the newsletter he commented: "That's a military list."

Not only the nature of these prospective sales but their possible use contribute to the gulf between Brzezinski and the recently resigned Secretary of State, Cyrus Vance. Brzezinski wants to sell arms to China, Vance, by contrast, holds that only the possibility of sales would give Moscow pause. Once the sales are concluded, Vance argues, the Russians will make the necessary allowances and dig in deeper than ever.

Such a meeting with the scorn reserved in the Brzezinski camp for all Vance counsels to seek pathways out of the impasse with Moscow. One of Brzezinski's supporters said: "I've got little pati-

ence with Soviet hand-wringing over these possible sales to China." He held up a document: "See this? Last year the Russians sold the Chinese goddamn helicopters. *Actual* choppers. We're still only considering it."

Even in the State Department, where the Vance outlook was usually held in high esteem, the Brzezinski version of "the China card" is only gently discounted.

On the decision-making seventh floor, a senior man begins by stating: "The Soviets are too sophisticated to think we'd modulate our policy if only Moscow would be more reasonable." Similarly unwilling to approve the Chinese as a mere instrument of policy, Dean Rusk insists from his retired vantage point that "the U.S. is too big and powerful to skim in and out of policy like a bumble-bee. Anyway, Peking and Moscow are too smart for that."

Nonetheless, on the seventh floor, after the demursals, the same officer did not deny that American-Chinese policy is agitating the Russians. "It's making them wonder what China would do if the West and Russia went to war. Or what we would do if the Soviets went after China." It would make Russian decision-making more complex, he added, thereby limiting their ability to take risks.

"Look at their deployment of nuclear weapons," he said. "Because of the present situation they've got to divide them, one-third each on us, on China, and on 'swing'. They used to target us with most of them. Because of China, now they can't take that chance."

China's strategic importance for Washington is indeed considerable. Its army may be antiquated and cumbersome, but it numbers more than four million and already commands a nuclear strike force that can directly penetrate the Soviet Union.

Deng and his comrades, despite certain covert gestures to Moscow designed in part to assuage jitters in the White House, remain convinced that the Soviets are a global menace from which Americans like Cyrus Vance have been averting their eyes.

Such an outlook is welcome in the Brzezinski headquarters. "We may not call the Soviets 'hegemonists', an adviser admits, "but in fact we come out in the same place as the Chinese."

For years Peking had been urging the United States to ignore the Russian siren song of detente. Not a moment too soon, as the Chinese see it. The Afghan invasion jolted Americans back on guard. China is keen to take advantage of this new wakefulness. Its extensive weapons shopping-list is borne to Washington by a procession of high-level military officers, ready to examine everything from F-15 and F-16 jets — among America's best — to the million-dollar body scanners recently looked over by Chinese army doctors.

Not all Americans are sanguine about the smiling Chinese. William Bundy, a notable hawk when assistant secretary of state for the Far East under President Kennedy, favors eventual detente with China but stresses that normalization with Peking ruined SALT II. But who's using whom? China set the timing. If we'd waited six months we could have got SALT." (OFNS)

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Europe's new fighter faces delay

By Bill Sweetman

LONDON —

Europe's new fighter, the three-nation ECA (European Combat Aircraft) planned for development by Britain, Germany and France, has become the subject of international maneuvering before the designers have had time to agree a final shape for the plane.

ECA, which Britain's Royal Air Force hoped to have by 1988, will probably not be in service before 1992 at the earliest. The three countries will take an equal share in the program, and plan a total of 700 ECA's.

Development of the new fighter, designed to replace British and French Jaguars and German Phantoms, is likely to cost over \$5 billion; production will cost more.

None of the three countries could support such expense on its own development budget, and international collaboration within Europe is seen as the only alternative to buying fighters directly from the United States or becoming junior partner to a U.S. firm.

Senior executives in the prospective partner companies — British Aerospace, Germany's Messerschmitt-Bolkow-Blohm and Dassault of France — accept that international collaboration causes delay and increases costs in proportion, but they regard it as inevitable.

They also consider that technical decisions reached by consensus among a group of partners are more reliable than those reached by any one company.

The manufacturers have agreed on the size and

Jewish emigration from USSR drops

By Kevin Klose

MOSCOW —

Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union continues a slow, steady decline this year from the record level of 1979 when the SALT II treaty was signed and the Kremlin still had grounds to hope for new American trade concessions.

Although there is apprehension abroad that the slackening pace of permissions may eventually bring to a halt any meaningful emigration from the USSR, knowledgeable sources here say it is simply too soon to predict overall Soviet intentions on policy or the delicate and controversial question.

In all, about 10,500 Jews left the country through the first four months of 1980. Although this indicates an average of 2,600 a month, the actual totals have dropped steadily by about 500 a month from January's 3,300 to April's 2,000. It cannot be determined here yet whether the May total will show a similar drop.

More than 200,000 Jews left the Soviet Union in the past decade, when detente dominated Soviet relations and the United States seemed inclined to grant special trade status to the Soviets in return for increased Jewish emigration.

More than 50,000 Jews were permitted to leave

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streamlining Arab views in the wake of the Islamabad conference of Islamic foreign ministers.

In an editorial, *Al Nadwa* said the crown prince was frank in specifying the Kingdom's stance on Arab and Islamic issues and its readiness to make sacrifices for the sake of these issues. In a reference to the crown prince's visit to Morocco and Algeria, the paper said any observer will feel convinced that the situation obtaining in the region necessitates a strengthening of Arab unity and solidarity. It is only through solidarity that the Arab and Islamic nation can achieve victory over hostile forces, the paper said.

Al Riyad also dwelled on the same subject in regard to the crown prince's visit. It said after the resolutions of the Islamabad conference, it has become almost impossible to differentiate between the Arab and Islamic worlds because of their common destiny. The paper added that solidarity

between the Arab and Islamic worlds will help their peoples to confront all challenges and enable them to restore their distinctive personality.

Okaz highlighted the significance of Prince Fahd's visit to Morocco and Algeria, which will attempt to consolidate Arab solidarity and mobilize resources to confront the hostile challenges. The crown prince's visit is yet another phase of Saudi diplomatic moves to consolidate Arab relations and clear the Arab atmosphere with a view to providing more strength and firmness to the Arab stance, said the paper.

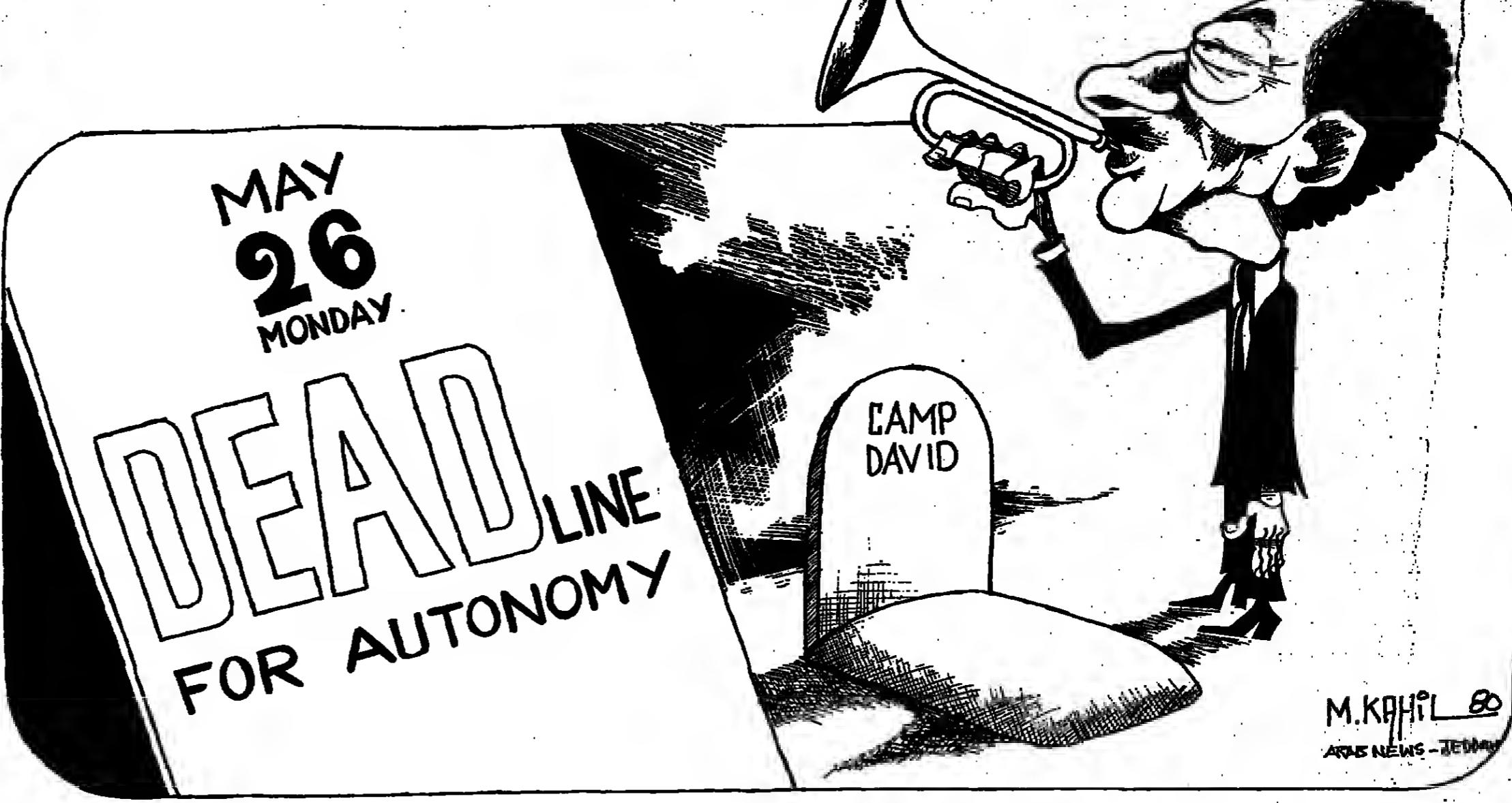
Dealing with the crown prince's interview, *Al Medina* said it was an honest expression of Saudi Arabia's national stance on regional and international issues. The paper endorsed Prince Fahd's strong views on the Palestine issue and the legitimate rights of the people of Palestine to return to their homeland. The crown prince's explanation reflects one of the firm features of the Kingdom's principles in its relations with the countries of the world, the paper said adding that Saudi Arabia holds a firm view that Jerusalem must be restored to the

Arab and Muslim fold and that invasion of any part of the Muslim world must be repelled.

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Dwelling on Islamic solidarity, *Al Bida* said Saudi Arabia has exploited this solidarity to produce fruitful results in the Arab and Islamic domain. The paper said Prince Fahd's visit takes place within the framework of a major responsibility that stems from its significant role in promoting unity, so that the Arab and Islamic world can confront their enemies successfully.

"Where do you think our people in Riyadh spend their holidays?" "God knows," *Al Jadid*



iting the eternal city

Glory of Rome still enchants tourists

By Jenny Cook

Photo by Jenny Cook

ME — To appreciate Rome, stroll in the narrow, cobble-stoned streets or, airy piazzas sprayed by the mists of its waters.

is so-called "old Rome", the central of the city, where many of the buildings 0 years old, and some, much older. This a visitor should stay, within walking of the most important museums, temples, sculptures and fountains. And is by far the best way to travel in this as it is for pedestrians.

nic plagues some of the main streets, are alternative routes. A large second Rome, or *il centro* has been designed for pedestrians. Some of these streets run perpendicular to Via del Corso main street joining Piazza del Popolo (Piazza Venezia) have been decorated large tubs of flowers and are even carpeted. (There is an annual prize for the best street.)

may take pot luck and just wander out labyrinth of alleys to absorb the of the city. But if you're pressed for time yourself with a good street map and course.

seeing can be a tedious affair, with savory prospect of a quick cafeteria Not in Rome. At lunchtime, shops

close and people settle down to a long, hearty lunch, perhaps a pasta dish with a simple tomato and basil sauce, a slice of veal for the main course, followed by a tossed green salad and a piece of fruit or dessert, washed down afterward with a strong cup of espresso coffee. The flavors fill the air and are arresting. Most restaurants and cafes post their menus and prices outside.

Rome's antiquities are not remote, imposing structures separate from the current patterns of Roman life. On the contrary, they are part of the pulse of everyday, humdrum happenings. Children play soccer in St. Peter's Square, they splash around in the Trevi Fountain and everyone sits on the Spanish Steps, which in spring, are covered with pots of dark pink azaleas.

Currently, Piazza Navona and the square in front of the Pantheon are the nightly haunts for teenagers. There are two sidewalk cafes in front of the Pantheon. In Piazza Navona, there are restaurants and outdoor cafes, surrounded by pots of red and white geraniums.

The Bernini fountain is carved with four men who represent great rivers. One, the Nile, has an arm raised. He seems to be grimacing as if frightened that the church in front of him might collapse. The story goes that Bernini, angered that his rival, Francesco Borromini, was awarded the larger commis-

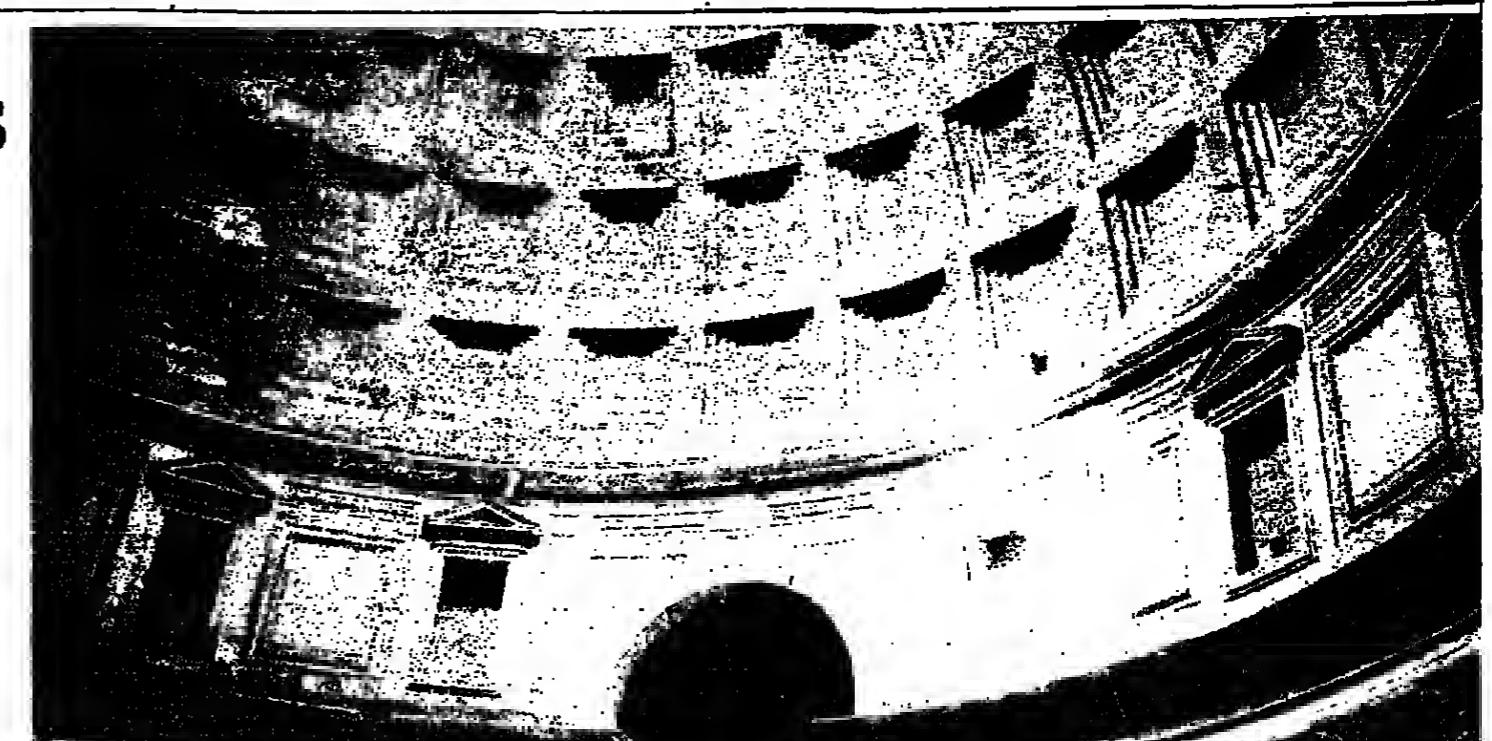
sion of designing the church in the piazza, made the sculpture with the implied gesture that the church was poorly built and might crumble.

Most of the locals are not looking at monuments, though. They are scrutinizing each other. It's a favorite pastime and Romans can be seen leaning out of windows, balconies, doorways and buses to get a better look.

The afternoon stroll, or *Passeggiata*, which is as important to a Roman as a good meal, starts up about 4 p.m. and coincides with the re-opening of shops. It may slow up your brisk pace because the streets positively overflow with people. (Shops are open between about 7 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and then again between 4 and 7:30 p.m. These hours vary depending on the season. In the summer, stores open and close later). Some of the displays of clothing and jewelry are imaginative and worth seeing in the boutiques along Via Condotti, in Piazza di Spagna and other streets in that area such as Via Frattina and Via della Croce.

In that general area, take a look at the beautiful rhythmic cascade of the Spanish Steps, beneath the church of Trinità dei Monti. Michelangelo designed the stairway. In the large Piazza di Spagna, with its tall palm trees, you'll see an ornate boat-shaped fountain around which people sit. It's the *Fontana della Barcaccia* or Fountain of the Big, Ugly Boat. It was designed by Bernini to commemorate the greatest flood in Roman memory. It happened in 1598 and the swollen waters of the Tiber carried a boat up to the base of the Spanish Steps. That same flood submerged the Pantheon under six and a half meters of water.

The Pantheon is only a ten-minute walk from Piazza di Spagna, past Giolitti, makers of the best ice cream in town. If chestnuts are in season, try the ice cream called *gelato di*



THE PANTHEON: One of Rome's most famous buildings, it was dedicated to the ancestral gods of the Julian family, Mars and Venus. It was restored by Agrippa in 27 B.C. B.C. The Pantheon has remained an inspiration for artists throughout the ages. Raphael is said to have used the Pantheon for studies in perspective.

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The history of the Pantheon is complex and not altogether clear, since it has been destroyed and restored several times. Rodolfo Lanciani in *The Ruins and Excavations of Ancient Rome* says the rotunda of the structure and its colonnaded portico are not a cohesive unit. He believes the portico was a later addition.

Originally, he says, the Pantheon was dedicated to the ancestral gods of the Julian family, Mars and Venus, and was probably rectangular and not round when Agrippa had it either restored or built in 27 B.C. The beauty of the rotunda has bewitched artists for centuries; including the great Renaissance architects.

It's a good idea to have a hotel reservation before arriving in summer. August is not a good month to see Rome since most stores

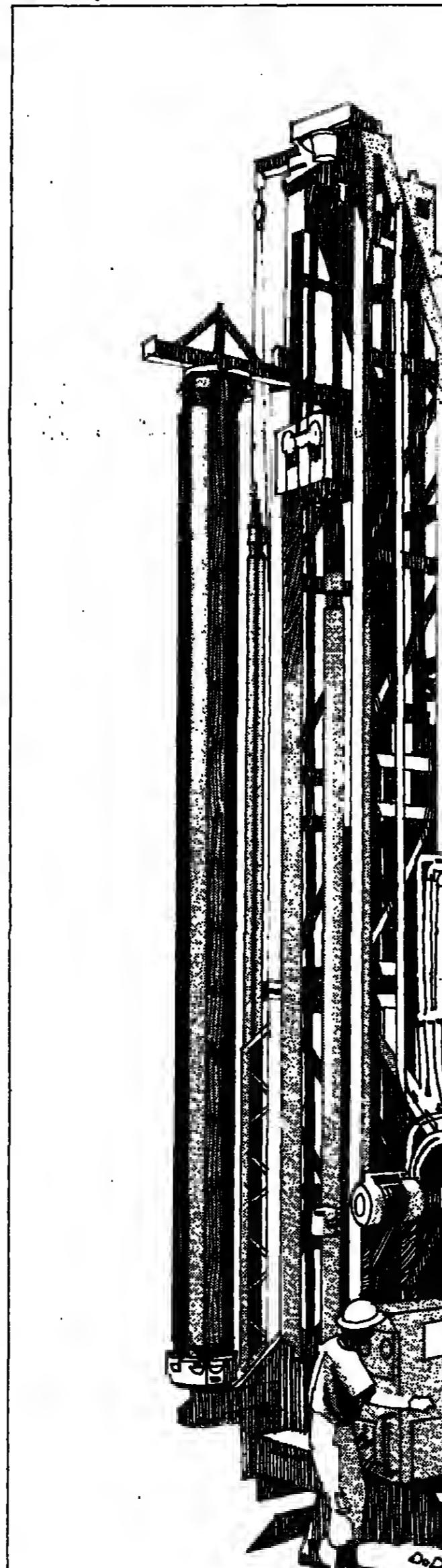
are closed up tight and many people are out of town.

Another good general rule is to hold tightly onto your handbag or purse.

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Opens summer social season**Chelsea Flower Show has English grace**

By Jenny Bagley

LONDON — One of the big events of the horticultural world opened last week in London. The Chelsea Flower Show, the most famous of its kind in the world, has been held here for nearly sixty years.

It arrival also marks the beginning of the summer social season that includes such other events as the Glyndebourne Opera, Trooping the Colour, Royal Ascot horse-racing, the Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon and the Henley Royal Regatta on the River Thames. The season ends with sailing during Cowes Week on the Isle of Wight in August. Some of these events survive as a small part of an England that is slowly vanishing: elegant summer clothes, champagne, strawberries and cream, courteous manners and picturesque scenery.

But it is perhaps at the Chelsea Flower Show that there is the greatest competition between the finery of the visitors and the glorious background of tents crammed full of flowers, shrubs, trees, fruit and vegetables.

The show, organized each year by the Royal Horticultural Society, is held on the grounds of the Royal Hospital, just off the Chelsea Embankment, (the nearest underground station is Sloane Square). This beautiful building was designed by Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of St. Paul's Cathedral, and built in 1682 by King Charles II. Some say it was built at the request of his mistress, Nell Gwynne. The hospital is a home for old or disabled soldiers; their distinctive uniform of bright red jackets, black trousers and hats has made them famous throughout the world as the Chelsea Pensioners.

This year's show was open to the public on Wednesday, May 21, from 8 a.m. 8:30 p.m. through Friday, May 23. It covered more than 27 acres of the hospital grounds. The most outstanding feature for most visitors was probably the Great Marquee which alone takes up 3½ acres. This vast tent encloses displays of almost every conceivable flower, plant, shrub and tree, all arranged in a dazzling kaleidoscope of color and pattern.

Each year some of the exhibitors introduce new plants or new varieties of familiar ones.

Raban's scattershot travelog fails to hit heart of Arabia

By Moe Howard

ARABIA: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE LABYRINTH,
By Jonathan Raban
(Simon and Schuster, \$11.95, 344 pages)

JEDDAH — Motive is the great winnower of travel books. Anyone who writes them notes what he sees and registers reactions. But the quality of his reactions depends on his reason for going. Graham Greene went to Liberia and Sierra Leone in 1935 specifically to test the Catholic notion of asceticism. According to this view, a person can gain spiritual strength by subjecting himself to hardship. He traveled by mule and foot through jungle, swamp, and scrub plain. The food gave him dysentery and in grass but rats ran over him as he slept. His protests against these miseries are in a different class to the carping of paid critics of restaurants and accommodations. They recall the lamentations of job. "The way to enjoy life," Greene concludes a bit cynically, "is to appreciate pain." His *Journey Without Maps* logs intellectual distance as well as actual miles.

I knew few travel writers who equal Greene. One of them is Wilfred Thesiger, whose *Arabian Sands* drives from a loathing for modern life. To escape it, he poses as a locust surveyor, breaches the closed borders of Saudi Arabia, and strikes out with Bedouin guides for the heart of the desert wilderness. The motive of escape enlivens what would otherwise be just a stunt.

Arabia is Jonathan Raban's subject also; his motive, however, falls short of Thesiger and Greene. In one respect it falls short of Fodor. Raban goes to the Middle East "to write a book." Fodor's correspondents at least claim interest in the tourist traps of particular nations. By setting for themselves the goal of describing them, they channel their energies and keep themselves off subjects they know nothing about. Raban goes cold, his sole states motive to turn a buck. An aim like this amounts to aimlessness. The book is a labyrinth of word-spinning on everything that crosses his path.

He wanders from Bahrain to Qatar to Abu Dhabi to Duhai, over the hilt bottom of the Arabian Peninsula to North Yemen, then up to Egypt, finishing in Jordan, without taking on the core of the region — Saudi Arabia. For that he apologizes first off, inadequately: he couldn't get a visa. Thesiger couldn't either.

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ROCK GARDEN: This rock garden, complete with waterfall, provided the setting for Fyler and Sons' nursery exhibit at the 1980 Chelsea flower show, one of England's grand events.

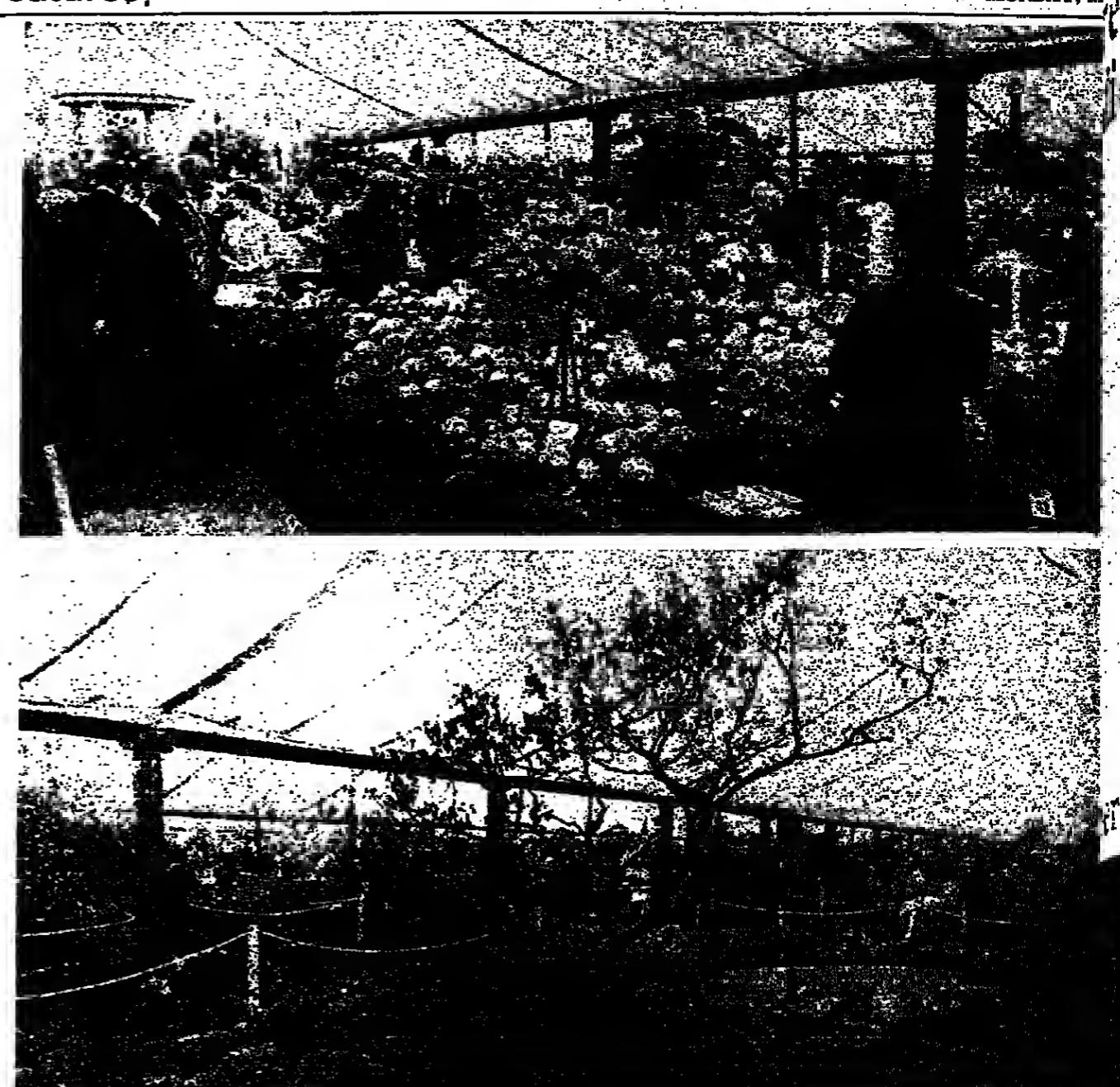
especially the rose growers. For example, a new orange bush rose named after Anna Ford, the television newsreader, was launched; and Australian Gold, a new rose that echoes the colors of the glowing peaches and pears from "down under".

There were foreign exhibits as well, notably from Brazil (exotic plants), Holland (hubs) and for the first time from China. The China display featured miniature trees known as bonsai. The Chinese are of course, famous for their landscapes and however small, they say a garden "embraces in a nutshell the space between heaven and earth".

One of the mysteries of the Chelsea Flower

Show is how the exhibitors manage to have so many varieties of flowers in bloom or blossom simultaneously. This year, for instance, there were daffodils growing alongside roses, although the daffodil flowering season actually finished several weeks ago. The secret is refrigeration, though for other plants the answer is "forcing" them along in greenhouses and hothouses so they bloom before their normal season.

Outside the Great Marquee there were several complete model gardens to give visitors ideas on how to plan their own, whether large or small, in the country or in the town.



SUMMER SHOWPALACE: The Chelsea flower show, on the ground of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, is the first event in the social season in England, which includes tennis, horse racing and regattas.

but made other arrangements. Raban lacks resourcefulness. But he has an arsenal of words, and out of a brief stop at Jeddah Airport he manages seven paragraphs of top-of-the-head analysis. "The stereotype Saudi comes from the same mold as John Bull, Uncle Sam, the Beastly Hun..." he writes. "He has a chronic tendency toward being misunderstood." The plane, which Raban never left, skims away over the Red Sea, and he writes, "To judge by what I had seen of it, Saudi Arabia looked absolutely fine to me." Judgements — snap judgements — fill the book. Raban apparently hoped they'd fill it out. It was commercially astute to think so, for editors value wise-seeming stuff and people evidently pay to read it. But how valuable, really, is a string of assessments like this one of Jordanian art. Raban is speaking of a police commissioner who, with the aid of a pencil sketch, is trying to explain the "spine of Arab culture" ... "Abdabi was clever; he had written an important postgraduate thesis; he was the capable editor of a magazine; but he couldn't draw a stick man. Apparently there was no convention in his head for representing the simplest human figure. It was not surprising that Jordania painting showed every sign of having to start from scratch."

Haphazardly, without thought or admirable motive, he also talks to cab drivers, a Qatari playwright, some British engineers, an American Bible-thumper, several ministers of development and culture, and a Pakistani juice-peddler. About each he has opinions, and we get them right off, without a moment's break to form an impression of our own. It is exasperating that a man so empty of purpose should so willingly speak his mind.

He should have stuck to straight description; he's good at it, wonderful in fact. In gushes of words that overwhelm with sounds strange as the sights before him, he tells of his first morning in Sana'a, looking out the window on "steep towers of mad mud-Tudor. Every square inch of their walls had been worked and decorated with casements, arches, gables, crenellations, and rough friezes of whorls, lozenges, and cuticles. Some were in ruins. Some were evidently inhabited, with drying washing draped across balconies and battlements." It is incomprehensible to me why editors should prefer analysis to a book full of the likes of this.

Yet editors buy what authors write. The starting point of the intermittently pleasing mistake that is *Arabia* was Raban. A traveler with commercial motives, he has made a travel book only a salesman could love.

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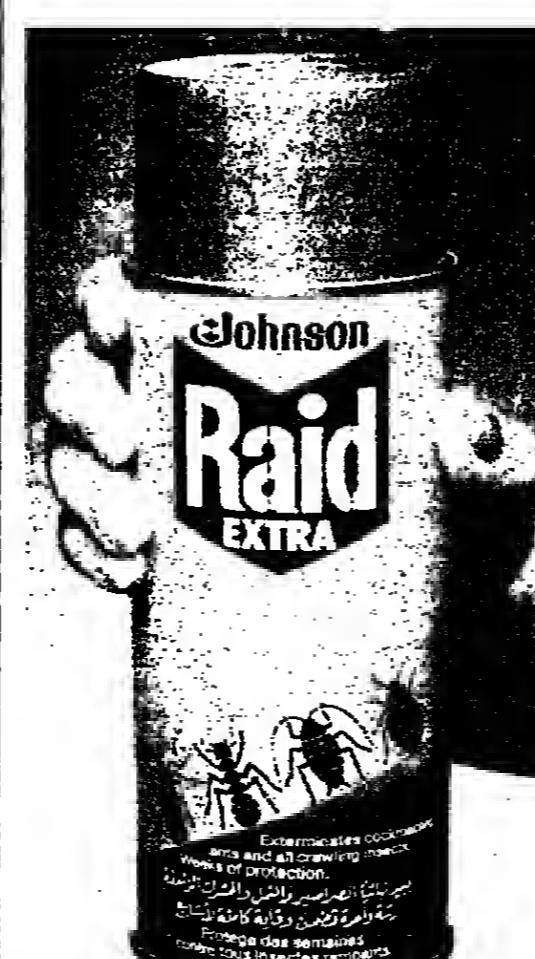
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More OPEC hikes predicted for 1980

LONDON, May 25 (R) — The oil industry believes there could be more rises in OPEC oil prices on the way this year, industry sources said Sunday.

The average OPEC price, which more than doubled in 1979, has already soared up by about 20 per cent in 1980.

Those rises, announced by members of OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) since May 14, are mostly of \$2 a barrel and mean the average final price of a barrel of OPEC crude is now about \$30.75.

At the end of 1979, it was \$25.50.

On top of that, some of the 13 OPEC states add premiums. Algeria, for example, at the top end of the scale, asks \$35.21 plus a \$3 charge refundable if the buyer explores for new oil and gas in that country.

Saudi Arabia, source of one-third of OPEC's 2.8 million barrels a day, charges a flat \$28 a barrel.

The increases are putting up the price of gasoline at the pump and will cost OPEC customers an extra \$20 billion a year. They are widening deficits for importing countries, and West German Economics Minister

Otto Lambdorff said last week, heighten the danger of world recession and monetary crisis.

Yet getting prices under control may, paradoxically, entail a further increase this year, oil industry sources said.

OPEC ministers have been struggling toward agreement on a long-term strategy to ensure more orderly and predictable price rises. These would be made quarterly and would be indexed to inflation and Western economic performance.

First, however, OPEC must establish a unified pricing structure — traditionally based on a benchmark for Saudi light crude — of the kind it abandoned in 1979.

Industry sources said that at \$28 a barrel, Saudi crude is underpriced compared with the average.

OPEC oil ministers meet again in Algiers on June 9 and price reunification is likely to be a major topic.

"If they are going to unify prices, it is difficult to see them doing it below a \$30 Saudi benchmark," one Western oil firm executive said.

From 'sweatshop' to high technology

Prosperous Singapore plans new industrial revolution

SINGAPORE, May 25 (AP) — Workers here will soon receive another big dividend, in the form of hefty wage hikes, from Singapore's calculated gamble on a "second industrial revolution."

Wage hikes, which ran as high as 30 per cent last year, are part of the government's strategy for abandoning the "sweatshop" industries which made the island prosperous and encouraging high-technology industry.

Incentives for foreign investment and job training are also part of the campaign, which was launched last June by Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew.

Singapore's first industrial revolution was based on attracting foreign capital with tax incentives, low wages and political stability. That policy paid off and raised the per capita income for Singapore's 2.3 million people to \$2,800 in 1977, compared to \$900 in neighboring Malaysia and \$310 in Indonesia, which lies just across the Singapore Straits.

But it worked so well that Singapore developed a labor shortage. Rather than open the crowded 616-square-kilometer island to an influx of unskilled migrant workers, the government chose to encourage higher technology, served by better-trained and better-paid Singaporeans.

Singapore's government also feared that continuing its low-wage, labor-intensive economy would make its exports vulnerable to tariff barriers in the industrialized West and competition from lower-wage nations in the region, including Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Machin tools, automotive components,

medical equipment, specialty chemicals and pharmaceuticals, computers, electronic instrumentation, optical gear, precision engineering products, advanced electronic components and their support industries have been named "primary targets for promotion" by the economic development board.

Bankers and businessmen say it is too soon to say whether the second industrial revolution will succeed, and the risks are real.

Inflation, which has been low, could climb with the rapid wage hikes. Foreign investors may balk at the higher wages, and there is no certainty that enough high technology enterprises can be attracted.

While acknowledging all these risks, a recent report by the U.S. Embassy said Singapore's pragmatism, its ability and willingness to act quickly, and the fact that market forces are pushing the economy in the same direction, all bode well for the success of the plan.

Meanwhile, the pound is at its highest level against the dollar for five years and in the last 12 months it has risen 18 per cent in real terms. This is partly the effect of high interest rates (17 per cent for the past six months) which in turn reflect the fact that primes are rising at more than 20 per cent a year — the highest level in the industrialized world.

Small and medium companies are being squeezed hard, finding it particularly difficult to export, while imports are providing growing competition on the domestic market. For example a cashmere pullover made in Britain costs nearly twice as much as the same item imported from Italy or Hong Kong.

British recession seen

LONDON, May 25 (AFP) — Britain is sliding relentlessly toward a recession which some experts say could be the worst economic slump since the depression of the 1930's.

All the indicators now point to even higher unemployment which is already running at a post war record of more than 1.5 million. At the same time the growth rate is expected to fall faster than in any industrialized European country.

The recession, expected to begin in a few months' time, follows two years of stagnation and inflation, and is the result of many and disputed causes.

There is general agreement that part of it is because of high interest rates, the unjustified strength of the pound on confidence in North Sea oil reserves, falling demand, and the shedding of stocks.

The influential Cambridge Economic Policy Forecasting Group has argued that the monetarist policy pursued by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will result in economic chaos within five years, causing the destruction of large parts of productive industry and pushing the number of people unemployed up to 2.5 million.

The group said the government should devalue the pound by 25 per cent as soon as possible, and introduce import controls from the start of next year.

Such measures could require Britain to withdraw from the European Community, and the group's forecasts about how current policies will work out have been supported by the Economist Intelligence Unit which foresees minimal growth of 0.6 per cent in 1985, with unemployment running at possibly two million.

Businessmen are also pessimistic and the leaders of a number major firms such as Imperial Chemical Industries and Cadbury



Prime Minister Thatcher

Schweppes have warned that manufacturing industry is in for a hard time. Their reports point to a record reduction in manufacturing stocks in the first quarter of this year, coupled with a three per cent fall in industrial investment.

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London subway cameras hunt thugs

LONDON, May 25 (AP) — Television spy cameras have been installed in Piccadilly Circus subway station to search out muggers, hooligans, drunks and drug addicts, says London Transport, which runs the trains and buses in the capital.

The "spy cameras" are being set up throughout the 379 kilometers London subway system, which has 268 stations.

The monitoring was disclosed after lawmaker Cyril Townsend said that fear of violence and vandalism is driving passengers

away from the subway and from late night buses. The loss is costing London Transport \$1.17 million a month in revenue, he said.

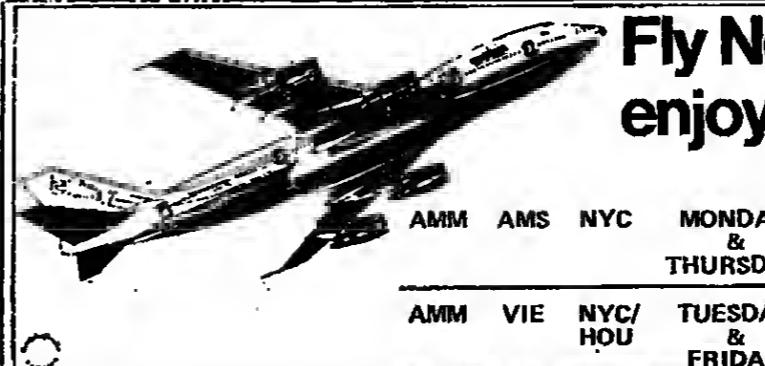
Former Prime Minister Lord Home, 76, said he was hit in the face by a hooligan while walking through Piccadilly Circus station last month.

Crews on the red double-deck buses are getting two-way radios and alarm systems after being attacked by thugs who refuse to pay when they ride.

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\$160m preliminary pact signed

U.S. bank chain sought by Arab investors

WASHINGTON, May 25 (WP) — Executives of Financial General Banksshares Inc. signed a preliminary agreement to sell Washington's third-largest banking operation to a group of Middle Eastern investors for more than \$160 million.

The agreement ultimately would transfer control of the First American banks in Washington, Maryland and Virginia to owners in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Abu Dhabi.

In the pact, Financial General agrees to drop its opposition to the two-year effort by the Middle Easterners to buy the bank and to help them secure the approval of state and federal regulators for the purchase.

Technically, the papers signed Wednesday only set the procedure for making an offer for the bank.

The next step will be to write a final agreement. Former Gen. Stuart Symington, D-Mo., then will be named to the financial general board as the representative of the new investors.

Wednesday's agreement was signed by Symington and by B.F. Saul II, FGB's chairman and largest stockholder, and a Washington real estate executive.

Symington is chairman of a Netherlands Antilles Company that already owns about almost 20 percent of Financial General. That

company is owned by Sheikh Kamal Adham, former director of Saudi Arabia's Central Intelligence Agency; Faisal Saud Al-Fulaij, a businessman from Kuwait; and Abdullah Darwishi, manager of the financial affairs of the royal family of Abu Dhabi.

In the agreement signed Wednesday, Adham and his associates promise to make an offer to buy all the stock they do not own already for at least \$28.50 a share. "The company deems the price to be adequate," the agreement notes.

Until the agreement appeared close. The shares were selling on the American Stock Exchange for about \$16 — recently they climbed to \$23.

The preliminary agreement was signed after a stockholder referendum last month in which 46 percent of financial general's shareholders indicated they wanted the company to stop fighting the Middle Eastern takeover.

The offer to buy the stock cannot be made until it has been approved by all the states in which financial general owns banks and by federal regulators. Until now, that approval has been blocked by the refusal of financial general to cooperate with Adham's group.

Federal banking authorities say there never before was an unfriendly takeover of an American bank by a foreign buyer. Any fight for control of a bank is unusual, and the financial general dispute has been the longest-running takeover battle in the business.

It started in December 1977 when Adham's group began buying shares of Financial General with the help of Bert Lance, who had recently resigned as President Carter's budget director.

Lance bought First National Bank of Georgia from Financial General in 1975, then, after leaving the White House, sold it to Saudi financier Gauth Pharoan. When friends of Pharoan were looking for another Ameri-

can bank to invest, Lance suggested the Financial General chain.

Lance dropped out of the deal after the group was cited by the Securities and Exchange Commission for failing to report the stock purchase.

Financial General is one of a handful of banking companies that operate in more than one state. The chain was organized before the federal government outlawed multistate banking.

Besides the first American banks in the district, Maryland and Virginia, the group includes Shenandoah Valley National Bank of Winchester, Valley National Bank of Harrisonburg, Peoples National Bank of Lexington, Round Hill National Bank and Lexington National Bank in Virginia and Eastern Shore National Bank of Pocomoke, Md., plus banks in Kentucky and New York.

In all, the 13 financial general banks have 143 offices and assets of \$2.2 billion.

In the pact, Adham's group promises not to interfere with the management of the individual banks, now run largely by people in the local communities.

The agreement gives control of the bank owned by Adham, Al-Fulaij and Darwishi to Symington for five years. If Symington retires, control of the stock shifts to Clark Clifford, Adham's lawyer.

It could take as long as 18 months to complete the transaction, and the deal provides for financial general shareholders to profit if the value of the bank goes up before the offer is made.

The escalator clause guarantees shareholders 158.333 percent of the book value of their stock, currently \$18.55. In the value of the shares keeps increasing at its present rate, they could be worth \$20 by the time the deal is completed, and shareholders then would get about \$31 a share.

Federal Reserve reduces credit controls

WASHINGTON, May 25 (LAT) — In a move reflecting heightened government concern about the nation's spreading recession, the Federal Reserve Board Thursday cut back sharply the direct controls on credit that it had imposed just two months ago in an effort to restrain inflation.

In most instances, the credit controls, designed to curb expansion of borrowing by business and consumers, were loosened by 50 percent.

In announcing the action, the Fed emphasized that it was not dropping the inflation fight. It said that it would continue its policy, announced last October, of imposing steady restraint on growth of the nation's money supply with the aim of bringing the pace of

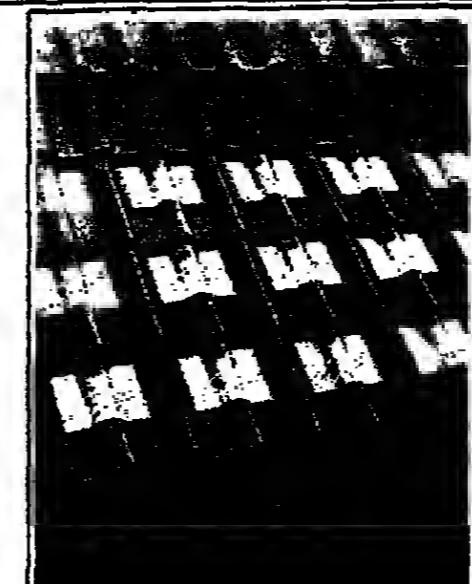
price increases gradually under control.

The board noted that the credit restraints constituted "special and extraordinary" measures that could be lifted as soon as economic conditions warranted.

Indeed, some analysts believe the Fed was reticent about implementing the controls in the first place and agreed to do so only at the insistence of the White House.

Fed Chairman Paul A. Volcker suggested last week that the board might soon begin gradually phasing out the controls, and a board spokesman said Thursday that the Fed may take further action to relax the restraints, "depending on how the economy continues to perform."

Many analysts believe the Fed will lift the



Roof tiles with solar cells

Solar goes electric

GERMANY, May 25 (INP) — Inventor Otto Hahn (also discoverer of nuclear fission) from the Swabian town of Bopfingen has come up with something helpful for house owners: solar roof tiles capable of converting sunlight to electrical energy that can be used among other things for heating water. The secret of the miraculous roof tile is solar cells made of silicon that produce about 2 amperes of current at a nearly constant tension of around 0.5 volts.

The amount of current produced is dependent on the degree of light intensity and the size of the solar cell surface. Several solar roof tiles together result in higher voltages or higher amperages or both. According to their inventor, the solar tiles are supposed to be used to charge batteries from which electric current can be taken as the need arises.

controls completely as the recession worsens.

The Fed's action, coming while inflation continues at a double-digit pace, underscores the growing worry among economists in and out of government over a rapidly deteriorating economy in which consumer spending is falling fast and key industries such as autos and housing are in dire straits.

In a statement, the White House supported the Fed's moves, calling them "appropriate in view of the success in moderating credit demands and reversing inflationary psychology since the March 14 program was announced."

The Carter administration also took the occasion to exhort banks to further cut their interest rates on loans.

Worried about slump

Auto makers gripe to Carter

WASHINGTON, May 25 (LAT) — Automobile executives told President Carter Wednesday that high interest rates, foreign competition and restrictive government regulations are the main obstacles to their industry's recovery from its worst sales slump in 22 years.

Top officials of the five leading U.S. automakers and the United Auto Workers Union met for more than two hours with Carter and his principal economic advisers as industry sources in Detroit reported that total sales for the first 10 days of May were the lowest since May 1978.

Deliveries for the normally active sales period totaled 142,652 cars, down 42 percent from the 245,124 sold in early May, 1979, it was reported.

After the meeting, at which agreement was reached on procedures for periodic consultation with the White House on the industry's problems, participants said the impact of interest rates on consumer buying and on the ability of dealers to acquire cars for sale attracted Carter's close attention.

Secretary of Transportation Neil E. Goldschmidt said Carter had assigned a group headed by Secretary of the Treasury G. William Miller to survey the credit situation and report back promptly with recommendations.

Goldschmidt said Carter assigned a study of all current and proposed federal regulations governing the automobile industry to officials of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Office of Management and

Budget.

In addition, Goldschmidt said the Department of Transportation was to accept and review recommendation of the automobile industry and other interested parties and report back to the president.

Carter told the group he would like a follow-up meeting "in about six weeks" reporters were told by Philip Caldwell, chairman of the Ford Motor Co. "The president said he was going to give us some suggestions that make some sense, and we're going to help ourselves," Caldwell said.

The suggestion that the domestic auto industry's problems could be helped by government action to curb Japanese imports, Goldschmidt observed that the United States would have to be "very careful" in retaliation if it took such action.

"It needs to be understood that we just manufacture and sell cars... we sell lanes and computers and a lot of other things abroad," Goldschmidt said. "An act of the United States government... is certainly reciprocated."

Goldschmidt said he hoped a vote of confidence would result from consultations underway in Tokyo between Carter and trade negotiator, Reubin Askew, and his officials.

"My impression is that probably as tomorrow there will be some announcement about discussions regarding access to market and the sales of U.S. auto there," Goldschmidt said.

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New York wins hockey's Stanley Cup

UNIONDALE, New York, May 25 (AP) — The New York Islanders completed a rags-to-riches climb to National Hockey League supremacy Saturday by winning the first Stanley Cup in their eight-year history.

The Islanders defeated the Philadelphia Flyers 5-4 on Bob Nystrom's goal at 7:11 of overtime play to take the series, four games

to two. Six years ago, the Islanders were league laughing stocks, having won just 31 of their first 156 games. Two years ago, the team was \$ 25 million in debt and close to being moved from suburban New York City or dissolved.

But Saturday — with a home crowd of 14,995 rocking Nassau Coliseum — the



LEVITATION ACT: Tommy Booth (right) of England's Manchester City reeks to block a kick by New York Cosmos star Giorgio Chinaglia, but the goal attempt still was successful. The Cosmos have been playing several exhibition matches this week against English teams during the Trans-Atlantic Cup competition in Giants Stadium.

Golfers scramble for Memorial tourney lead

DUBLIN, Ohio, May 25 (AP) — Bob Gilder vaulted past 18 players with a 5-under-par 67 and emerged from a mad scramble with the third round lead Saturday in the Memorial Golf Tournament.

Seven men had led or shared the lead before Gilder took command with a 3-wood shot that stopped two feet from the flag for an eagle-3 on one 15th hole. That put him within sight of the course record on the rain-soaked Muirfield Village Golf Club course, but he bogeyed the last hole and finished three rounds at 209, seven shots under par.

Tom Watson, the defending champion, moved into position for a shot at his sixth victory of the season with a 69 that put him only one stroke off the pace at 210. He was tied with PGA champ David Graham of Australia, Don Pooley and veteran Miller Barber, who briefly held the lead alone before making bogey on two of his last three holes.

Barber and Pooley each matched par 72 in

the perfect scoring conditions: no wind, mild temperatures, soft greens. Graham birdied his last hole from 12 feet for a 70. Four more were at 211, placing nine men within two shots of the top spot going into Sunday's final round of the chase for a \$ 54,000 first prize. Tied at five under par were Tom Weiskopf, John Fought, Dr. Gil Morgan and John Mahaffey. Morgan closed up with a 68. Weiskopf had a 71 despite a double bogey-7. Mahaffey and Fought shot 72s.

Jack Nicklaus, the tournament host, sponsor, founder and designer of the course, shot a 71 despite continued poor putting. He required 35 strokes on the undulating greens. He's at 215, one shot under par. South African Gary Player also was 71-215.

Play was delayed for about 20 minutes by a thunderstorm that passed over the area a few minutes before the leaders got away. Barber, Pooley, Mahaffey, Gilder, Watson, Ed Fiori and Peter Jacobsen all led or shared the lead before the closing holes took their toll.

Watson had a piece of it but bogeyed the 18th, flying a 6-iron shot over the green and making bogey. The 49-year-old Barber played behind Gilder and took sole control of the top spot with an 18-foot eagle putt on the 15th that sent him into a happy, shambling little dance on the manicured green.

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Nystrom broke up ice on a two-on-one with John Tonelli. Tonelli passed to Nystrom on his left and the big right wing shoveled a 15-foot shot over Flyers' goalie Pete Peeters.

Moments later, after the team members exchanged handshakes, NHL President John Ziegler presented the cup to Islander captain Denis Potvin. He took the traditional victory lap around the rink, holding the cup overhead, as the crowd bellowed "We're number one!"

Cyclists end Tour of Italy eighth stage

FIUGGI, Italy, May 25 (AFP) — Spaniard J. Fernandez Saturday won the 216-kilometer (132-mile) eighth stage from Orvieto to Fiuggi of the Giro, the Italian Tour, while Italian Roberto Visentini kept the pink shirt of the overall leader which he took Friday from Frenchman Bernard Hinault.

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England's Prakash denies Denmark move

JAKARTA, May 25 (AFP) — All England champion Padukone Prakash denied reports he was emigrating to Denmark from India soon. Prakash, who is the top seed in the Second World Badminton Championships starting here—they originated, surprised at the reports. I do not know how and where her Sunday, said.

"I have no intention of leaving India," he added. Prakash, who became the first Indian to win the all-England singles title in March this year, said that some reports had even stated that he was going to represent Denmark in the Second World Champion-

ships.

"As you can see, I have been entered for this tournament by the badminton association of India. I hope to continue playing for India as long as I can," he said. The 24-year-old bank officer defeated Indonesia's Liam Swie King in straight sets of 15-3, 15-10 to capture the all-England title. He had earlier won the Danish and Swedish titles.

In other developments from Jakarta, a move to hold the World Badminton Championships once in two years instead of the present once in three years is among the items on

the agenda of the International Badminton Federation (IBF) annual general meeting to be held here Saturday. Several countries expressed support for the move, feeling shorter period of two years was desirable to promote greater interest in the game, authoritative sources here said.

Some 20 countries, all members of the IBF, will be attending the meeting. Another that was to have been on the agenda withdrawn at the last minute was the motion to hold talks with the rival World Badminton Federation (WBF).

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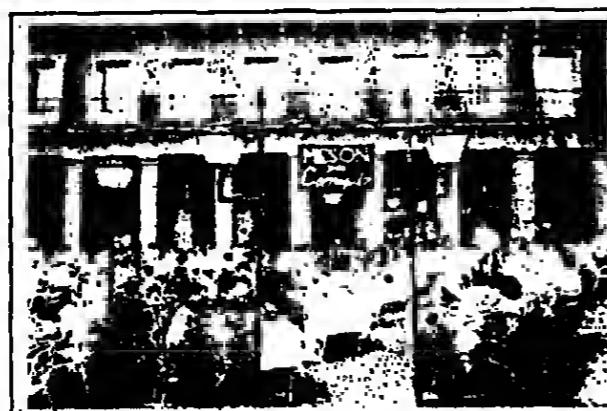
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old medal will lose its luster

ONDON, May 25 (R) — The American boycott of the Moscow Olympics will strip glamor from the prestige sports of men's eets, swimming, boxing and basketball, many other competitions will carry on little loss.

questrian and yachting teams have been taken out by many countries which are taking part in other sports, and these competitions will bear little resemblance to the university championships of the past. The African contingent of the Montreal games four years ago had potential gold medal winners in middle-distance track events and boxing of chances, but the loss was then minor compared with that envisaged this summer. There will not be a final tally of bow many

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143 eligible countries join the boycott Tuesday or Wednesday, and individual petitions do not have to be named until 20 before their events take place.

It preliminary surveys by Reuter correspondents indicate that President Carter and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher are correct in their charges that many of the apic gold medals to be won in Moscow are of tarnished metal.

The Soviet Union, East Germany and the United States dominated the medal table at Montreal Olympics much more than at previous games when there was a wider field of the honors. These three nations had expected to maintain their position, rising to world ranking lists, but the medal when the games end on August 3 will certainly show even greater gains for Soviet Union and its East European

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In women's swimming, the East Germans swept 10 individual and one relay event, with the Soviet Union taking one breaststroke gold and the Americans one relay at Montreal. Last year, the resurgent American girls headed all four freestyle classes, the two backstroke and two butterfly events and both relays, leaving the East Germans ahead in both individual medleys and the Russians well on top in both breaststroke.

The veteran French athletics specialist Gaston Meyer recently picked his theoretical list of track and field medal winners for Moscow based on recent form for the African sports magazine *Champion d'Afrique*.

On the women's list one needs only to erase American sprinter Evelyn Ashford, Canadian high jumper Debbie Brill (picked for a bronze) and American javelin thrower Kathy Schmidt to be left with near-total domination by East Europeans.

Meyer's list of men shows how badly the track events will be depleted, although he predicted victory for Italy's Pietro Mennea in the 200 meters and Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett of Britain in the 800 and 1,500 meters.

Without the United States men, the baseball tournament loses its significance, and the American women had qualified for the Moscow event.

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WICKET INTACT: In action during the recent Benson and Hedges Cup cricket match, C.L. Smith of Hants (Hampshire), left, drives Cheatile of Surrey for two runs. The match took place in the Oval in Kennington, Eng.

Tampa Bay whips New England 2-1 in NASL soccer

TAMPA, Florida, May 25 (AP) — Neil Roberts' first goal in a month was the game winner Saturday as the Tampa Rowdies beat the New England Tea Men 2-1 in a North American Soccer League match. The Tea Men, now 5-6, had never been beaten by the Rowdies. The teams have met nine times in outdoor, indoor and exhibition competition.

David Byrne and Tony Whelan rapped in shootout goals Saturday as the Atlanta Chiefs broke a six-game losing streak with a 2-1 victory over the Washington Diplomats. Five shooters in a row — three for the diplomats and two for the Chiefs — misfired before Whelan, a defenseman, powered a shot past Washington goalie Bill Irwin.

Giorgio Chinaglia's three goals powered the NASL's Cosmos to a 5-3 victory Saturday over A.S. Roma in trans-Atlantic Challenge Cup action at Giants Stadium. The Cosmos will face the NASL's defending champion Vancouver Whitecaps Monday in the final of the round-robin tournament. Roma will play Manchester City in the first game of the Giants Stadium double-header.

Goals by Karl-Heinz Granitza of West Germany, Peter Ressel and Ingo Peter powered the Chicago Sting to 3-0 victory over the Toronto Blizzard Saturday night. Granitza scored his fifth goal of the season at 25:27 to put the Sting ahead 1-0. Phil Parkes and Arno Steffenhagen, also of West Germany, assisted on the play. Toronto's record dropped to 3-6.

Stuart Lee scored one goal as passed another to lead the Portland Timbers to a 2-1 win over the San Jose Earthquakes. The first half was scoreless, but Lee gave Portland a 1-0 lead two minutes into the second half by bouncing the ball over the head of the San Jose goalkeeper and into the net. Willie Donachie brought the ball down the right

Rogues' 35 yard-line and sent a bullet shot up to midfielder Kai Haakivi of Finland.

Haakivi crossed the ball to Morales and the speedy winger nailed it into the net with a hard, curving shot from 20 yards out. The Hurricane, 3-7, has 27 points and stands fourth in the American Conference central division. The Rogues, 5-5, are in second.

In Tulsa, Oklahoma Alan Woodward of England scored twice, once on a penalty kick, to power the Tulsa Roughnecks past the Dallas Tornado, 2-1. The victory extended Tulsa's lead over Dallas in the NASL National Conference central division. Tulsa, has 53 points to 41 for Dallas, 5-4.

In Pasadena, California, Roger Davies scored on a penalty kick with 3:45 remaining Saturday night to give the Seattle Sounders a 2-1 victory over the Los Angeles Aztecs. Seattle's Tommy Hutchison was fouled by Santiago Formoso and Davies then converted the penalty kick past Los Angeles goal-keeper Alfredo Anhileto to give the Sounders their eighth victory in a row.

The San Diego Sockers scored a perfect five-of-five goals in a shootout Saturday night for a 2-1 victory over the California Surf. The teams were tied 1-1 at the end of the regulation 90 minutes and were scoreless through two 7½-minute overtime periods, necessitating the shootout.

Connecting for the Sockers in the shootout were Bernie Gersdorff, Leonardo Cuellar, Scotland's Walker McCall, Julian Lee and Gene Willrich.

The Surf got four goals in the shootout to fall one short. Scoring for California were Craig Allen, Johanna Sharmann, England's Dave Huson and Gerry Ingram. An attempt by player-coach Peter Wall of England in the shootout was blocked by San Diego goal-keeper Volkmar Gross.

West Indies, Derbyshire cricketers clash in England

CHESTERFIELD, England, May 25 (R) — The West Indian cricketers, though seriously held up by New Zealander John Wright, ended the opening day of their three-day match against Derbyshire Saturday 205 behind but with all wickets intact.

In helping to pitch the home side out for 229, Malcolm Marshall underlined his claim to a place in the side for the one-day matches against England next week. Skipper Clive Lloyd dropped a straightforward catch off his fiery bowling but, encouraged by a lively wicket, Marshall was mastodonic and finished with four for two.

Andy Roberts finally had Wright caught at gully, four short of what would have been a gutsy 100. Fellow opener Terry Wood, making his go for Derbyshire, his new country, had retired after being hit on the head in Roberts' opening over. He came back later and lasted an hour before Marshall bowled

him as he had South African Peter Kirsten (4) and England's Geoff Miller (9) bowled. His fourth victim, Tony Borrington, was trapped leg before.

Mike Hendrick, back after injury, tested the West Indian openers, but neither Gordon Greenidge nor Faouad Bacchus was dislodged.

In London earlier Saturday, New England Captain Ian Botham announced his arrival with a swashbuckling double century — his first ever — for Somerset against Gloucestershire. Botham, who traveled to Taunton for the three-day match after helping choose the England squad for the one-day matches against the touring West Indians, reached 50 in 76 minutes, 100 in 107 — and hustled to his second century in the next 58 minutes, building on foundations laid by openers Sunil Gavaskar of India (75) and captain Brian Rose (32).

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2:05 Game Of Guidance
2:10 Champions Of Solidarity
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2:30 Hits In Germany
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3:20 Arabic Song
3:30 A Selection Of Music
3:50 Closedown

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9:00 Opening
9:01 Holy Quran
9:05 Gems Of Guidance
9:10 Light Music
9:15 Jeddah Highlights
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10:10 A Viewpoint
10:15 NEWS
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11:00 A Leaf From Life's Notebook
11:15 In Concert
11:45 On Islam
12:30 Music
12:45 A Rendezvous With Dreams
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12:00 News newscasters' voices background features media commentaries news analyses

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♦Q 3	♦K 9 8 7
♦A Q 9 6 3 2	♦ 8 7

WEST	♦Q 3
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♦A Q 9 6 3 2	♦ 8 7

EAST	♦K 10 2
♦ 9 8 7	♦ 8 7
♦A J 10	♦ 8 7

SOUTH	♦A 9 4
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♦K 5 4	♦K 5 4

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If West is alert to the situation and does play his queen on the ace, South must eventually go down at least one. Plainly, trick two is the critical point of the hand. If East-West do not falter, South is doomed.

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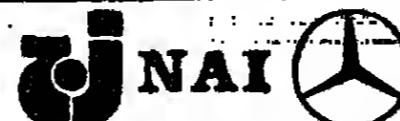


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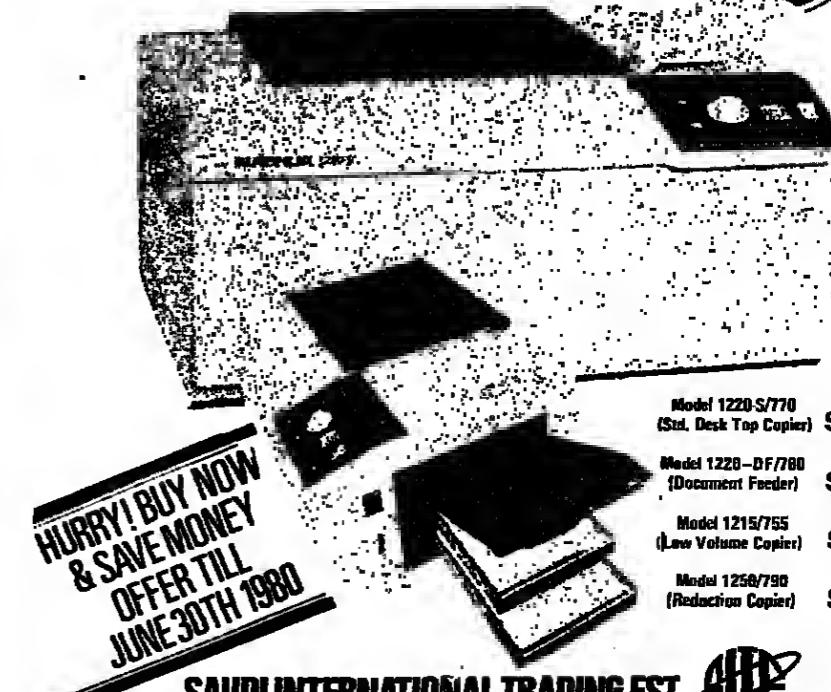
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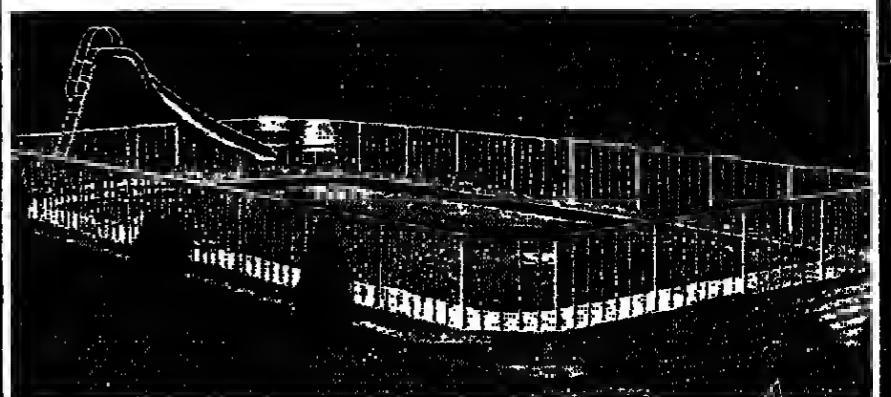


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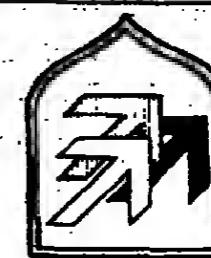
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Troops surround city

Protesters mass in Kwangju

SEOUL, May 25 (AP) — Some 20,000 citizens and students were massed in front of the provincial government building in Kwangju in the rain Sunday morning holding an anti-government rally.

Inside the provincial government building occupied by armed insurgents, two student leaders were shot after a brawl, according to a local radio report.

The students were said to be counseling moderation, while insurgents ruled for continued armed resistance until their demands were met by the government.

Demonstrators this morning continued to call for the resignation of military strongman Gen. Chun Doo-Hwan, whose effigy was burnt Saturday afternoon there.

Across the street from the provincial gov-

ernment building, a long line formed to burn incense at an altar where 49 bodies of the demonstrators killed in the week-long rioting are lying.

A mass funeral ceremony scheduled for this morning was postponed indefinitely. The general atmosphere continued to be tense, according to reports reaching Seoul.

Martial law troops encircling the city for four days made no moves to crush the rebellion during the night, although such an action had been expected since Friday night.

The besieged city was still sealed off Sunday, with telephone lines cut. Its 800,000 inhabitants were said to be running short of food and fuel.

Armed insurgents who had defiantly driven around the streets in commandeered military trucks and jeeps, brandishing their

seized weapons, were facing a swindling gasoline supply. They were said to be ready for a street battle — various guns were reported positioned in strategic points — should martial law troops launch an assault.

In Seoul, public opinion, as reflected in newspaper editorials, was strongly in favor of an end to the bloodshed which already claimed about 135 lives there during week-long disturbances.

But officials here asserted that lawlessness in Kwangju could not be tolerated indefinitely. They let it be known that a military assault was now imminent, possible in a day or two.

Armed troops from a combat division were deployed in the city's perimeter ready for action, following approval of such troop movements by U.S. military authorities here.

The disturbances in Kwangju began last Sunday following a peaceful student demonstration in support of demands for a lifting of martial law. They degenerated into rioting in the following days. Angered by brutal intervention by paratroopers, insurgents went on a rampage, sacking the city hall and tax office, and setting fire to pro-government radio-television stations.

Thousands of students and citizens raided several arsenals on Wednesday, arming themselves with rifles, carbines and machine-guns. As troops were withdrawn, the armed men took over.

By Friday the majority of rebellious citizens and students sobered down and turned over their arms voluntarily, calling for a return to law and order. But about 300 die-hard insurgents armed to the teeth were Sunday still defying the authorities' pacification campaign.

The insurgents were said to have launched abortive assaults on the city's prison several times hoping to rally prisoners to the rebellion.

Meanwhile, the country has been under martial law rule for a week now, with the national assembly paralyzed, and all the universities and colleges closed down.



PROTEST: Anti-government demonstrators, many with captured army weapons, roam the streets of Kwangju. After nearly a week of violence, they remain control of the city.

(AP photo)

Hit visitor ban

Carter plotting trouble for Iran, captors say

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP) — Visits to the American hostages in Iran have been banned because U.S. President Jimmy Carter is trying to create incidents in the cities where they are held, their captors said Saturday. Their announcement came as Ahid Daoudy, a United Nations representative, and three West Europeans — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and two Socialist leaders — were visiting Tehran and were expected to make attempts to see the 53 Americans.

A U.S. State Department official, who asked not to be quoted by name, noted that the militants who have been holding the hostages are saying that they have been transferred from the U.S. Embassy in Tehran. But he added that there was no independent evidence that the 50 have been moved. Another three have been held at the Iranian Ministry

of Foreign Affairs.

The ban on visits came in the 132nd statement issued by "the Muslim students following the Imam's line," as the militants call themselves. An account of the statement broadcast by the Tehran television station said: "It is stated in the communiqué that since the spies have been transferred to various parts of the country, the United States is trying through its internal elements to create incidents even if in only one city and to expose the hostages to danger, thus fanning the flames of this amateur."

The object of these alleged attempts, according to the militants, is to convince Europeans to take more serious economic sanctions against Iran. Major West European governments and Japan are banning business deals with Iran, but only those made since last

Nov. 4, when the hostages were taken. The British Parliament has refused to backdate its sanctions even that far and the British are barring only new contracts.

The captors of the hostages said that in order to neutralize American efforts they were banning visits of all kinds. They urged Iranians to restrain their curiosity about where the hostages are being held, the number in any particular location, or living conditions. The statement warned of the presence of tourists and reporters in various cities as what it called "a suspicious event."

Two statements were issued at the State Department Saturday praising the order of the international court of justice to release the hostages and pay damages to the United States. Both declared the decision binding and urged Iran to comply.

Assembly elections to test Mrs. Gandhi's power base

NEW DELHI, May 25 (R) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, facing a divided opposition, tries to consolidate her power base this week in elections in nine of India's 22 states, her first major test of popularity since she was voted back into office last January.

Nearly 245 million people, or two voters in three, are eligible to take part in the two-day poll on Wednesday and Saturday. Final results are expected on June 2.

New assemblies will be elected in the nine states whose opposition-run governments were sacked by Mrs. Gandhi three months ago on the ground that they no longer represented popular will. The former ruling parties in the nine states, which were placed under direct central government rule pending the elections, received less than one-third of the votes cast in January when Mrs. Gandhi came back to power after 23 months in opposition.

Opposition leaders say she has failed miserably, being unable to check price rises and restore law and order. Mrs. Gandhi reports that it will take more time to clear the mess she says she has inherited.

She has said her main task is to remove distrust in government.

Calling on people to vote for the hand, her Congress party symbol, Mrs. Gandhi told

election meetings across the country her own hands should be tied in New Delhi if her supporters were not elected in the state.

Unless there were strong and stable state governments cooperating with the national government, development plans could not be implemented, said the 63-year-old prime minister, whose party has a two-third majority in the lower house of parliament.

The opposition accused Mrs. Gandhi of blackmailing the electorate. Her statements amounted to the worst type of intimidation, said Chandra Shekhar, president of the former ruling Janata party which split into four groups within the past year, mainly as a result of personal rivalries.

At present Mrs. Gandhi's party rules only five of India's states, but political analysts predict it will win this week's elections in most, if not all, nine states despite popular discontent over a continuing increase in the prices of sugar and some other essential commodities.

Vaccine wipes out smallpox

GENEVA, May 25 (R) — Smallpox, one-time scourge that as recently as 1967 was claiming two million lives a year, has been wiped out, the World Health Organization (WHO) said.

WHO's announcement follows 12-year vaccination campaign in 40 countries costing about \$300 million. The last case of endemic smallpox was in Somalia in 1977. But a year later a woman died when a smallpox virus escaped from a Birmingham laboratory.

Today there are only six laboratories in the world, in Britain, China, the Netherlands, South Africa, the Soviet Union and the United States, where the virus is stored for research. Each is regularly inspected.

However, there is enough frozen vaccine to vaccinate 200 million people should the need arise.



Prime Minister Gandhi

Crocodile eggs hatch

NEW DELHI, May 25 (AP) — A crocodile has hatched all 25 eggs it laid in captivity, in a rare if not unprecedented zoological event, according to reports here.

A spokesman for the Zoological Survey of India in Bhubaneswar, capital of eastern Orissa state, said the batchings were being kept in special puddles under artificial conditions there.

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PLAYMATES: Ten-month-old Chris James and a goat kid get along well in the "pet corner" of a Los Angeles supermarket. The man and the city zoo teamed up to bring animals into the store to entertain children while their mothers shop.

Chinese acrobatics

'Bourgeois' art survives revolution

FEIDONG, East China, May 25 (AFP) —

Some 10 years ago in China, certain circus acts were considered more politically "red" than others, according to one of China's greatest circus acrobats, Cao Pengfei. His troupe recently performed in the small eastern town of Feidong, in Anhui Province.

As the witch-hunting for "revisionists" peaked in the cultural revolution from 1966 to 1976, Cao Pengfei, heir to an age-old tradition of acrobatics, was accused of being a "counter-revolutionary acrobatic expert" by "supporters of the gang of four." These were the prime movers of the cultural revolution, including Chairman Mao Tse Tung's wife Jiang Qing, whose ambition was to revolutionize art in China.

Cao, the director of the Anhui provincial acrobatic troupe, one of the finest in China, adds today that the art has been revived. He did not throw any light on the obscure reasons that brought down on some circus

acts more than others the "ill-treatment, some of it serious," which was meted out to performers including himself.

"At the time, no one could ask for any explanations. We suspended the suspect acts for eight years," he said.

Along with the horizontal bar acrobatics practised by Cao, trapeze acts and flying men were also black-marked, "probably because of their foreign" — meaning "bourgeois" — origin, members of the troupe explained. Another reason for disgrace was that Cao and his troupe had been in "revisionist" eastern bloc countries, including the Soviet Union.

Today the 150 members of the Anhui acrobatic troupe have revived all the acts in their repertoire. They travel from one end of the province to the other, giving two distinct shows, and are preparing to perform in Maryland in the United States this year.

Now 60, Cao Pengfei made his debut in

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